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At a Meeting of the ABBOTSFORD CLUB, held at Edinburgh the 26th day of November 1838,

“ Mr. LAING having stated that JAMES ERSKINE OF ABERDONA, Esq., had, through the medium of JOHN HILL BURTON, Esq. Advocate, kindly offered to the CLUB for publication, the “ CORRESPONDENCE OF THE MARQUIS OF TULLIBARDINE, (assuming the title of DUKE OF ATHOLL,) during the Rebellion in 1745”—the originals of which are preserved among the Family papers at Aberdona,—the Meeting directed the thanks of the Members to be returned to Mr. ERSKINE,—accepted his obliging offer, and instructed the Secretary to order transcripts to be immediately made for press. At the same time the editing of the Work, for the use of the Members of the ABBOTSFORD CLUB, was confided to Mr. BURTON and Mr. LAING.”



## INTRODUCTORY NOTICE.

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THE ABBOTSFORD CLUB is indebted for the following series of Letters to the politeness of JAMES ERSKINE of Aberdona, Esq., among whose family papers they have for many years been deposited. On the manner in which they may have come into the hands of one of Mr. Erskine's ancestors, neither the documents themselves, nor any extraneous information, traditionary or written, throw any light. It might be natural to presume, from the evidence they were calculated to supply against the leaders of the Rebellion, that they came officially into the hands of Charles Erskine, Lord Justice-Clerk, (the lineal ancestor of the present proprietor of the papers,) who, at the period to which they refer, was a Senator of the College of Justice, under the title of Lord Tinwald. As they bear no evidence, however, of having passed through any public office, a more plausible theory, as to the mode in which they had been acquired, seems to be the following:—In 1748, Lord Tinwald's son, James Erskine, Esq., was appointed sheriff-depute of Perthshire, and in the same year his father was elevated to the dignity of Lord Justice-Clerk, in the room of Lord Milton. About this period, the new sheriff had, in all probability, by some means or other, discovered and obtained possession of these documents; which,—at a date so long after the Rebellion, the punishment of many of the individuals compromised by the correspondence, and the death of others,<sup>1</sup>—he conceived that he would better aid the returning tranquillity of the country by suppressing altogether, than by using them as

<sup>1</sup> Among these was the unfortunate Marquis of Tullibardine himself, who died in the Tower of London on the 9th July 1746.



the means of further vengeance against those whose misdeeds he probably thought had been already sufficiently atoned for. With this view of the matter, he had, in all likelihood, deposited these "cold ashes of rebellion" in his private archives, where they have since remained, along with other more harmless correspondence and family papers. That there cannot be a doubt of their authenticity, an inspection of the Letters, even in their printed form, will at once establish; and the Editor may add, on the information of the proprietor, that the late Duke of Atholl, many years ago, expressed to a mutual friend of Mr. Erskine and his Grace, his knowledge of this correspondence being in Mr. Erskine's hands, and his desire that it should not be made public, at least in his lifetime,—probably not caring to have the misguided, though gallant exertions of his grandfather, brought back to the recollection of the public, although his Grace's known loyalty and national spirit might well have expiated the failings of a far more misguided ancestor, and had long afforded a guarantee to the public, in regard to himself, that

In him the savage virtues of his race,  
Revenge, and all ferocious thoughts, were dead.

The reader may perhaps be disappointed who expects in these letters much additional information relative to the more public transactions of the insurrection. The large body of evidence already laid before the public would seem to have well nigh exhausted that branch of the subject; and the utmost that can be now looked for, is the corroboration of any points that may have been made the ground of discussion, or considered as standing in need of farther evidence. Among these points is the conduct of Lord George Murray; and it is to be regretted that the gap in the present series, embracing the whole period from the army's entering England, until it reached Falkirk on its retreat northward, renders it impossible to draw from it any additional particulars regarding the coolness that took place between Lord George and Charles Edward, or the part which the former took in regard to that retreat, which, without doubt, tended greatly to abate the sanguine hope and spirit that had hitherto attended the enterprise. The numerous letters of Lord George, at

other dates, show sufficiently that he acted throughout with the utmost energy and zeal, nor is there any allusion made to his having experienced injury or withdrawal of confidence at the hands of Charles Edward or any of his councillors; from the beginning to the end of the campaign, his letters breathe the same language of unwearied and ungrudging devotion to the cause; but it is evident, from the accounts given in his and other letters of the continual desertion of the Highlanders, and the difficulty of keeping them together, that the retreat from England was a measure of absolute necessity. No means had been left unused, (and it is chiefly on this head that these letters constitute a new body of evidence,) to raise men for the service and to keep them from leaving it. The enthusiastic loyalty of the Clans, regarding which so much has been said and sung, may hereafter, with propriety, disappear from the pages, at least of history. More perfect evidence of quite as arbitrary an exercise of coercion as Napoleon's conscript scheme, and certainly much more indiscriminate, cannot be required, than what is afforded by the letters of the Marquis of Tullibardine and his agents in the following pages.

It has not been considered necessary to prefix a systematic account of the parties who figure in this correspondence. The principal actors in the events which it serves to record, have been long familiar to the world both in history and romance; and any peerage will at once give all the necessary information regarding the births, marriages, and deaths of the Marquis of Tullibardine, Lord G. Murray, The Earl of Kilmarnock, Lord Strathallan, Lord Nairne, &c. &c., while the principal chieftains and landed proprietors are in like manner chronicled in Douglas' Baronage and other works of a similar nature. With regard to the inferior agents, the numerous Robertsons, Spaldings, &c., the "*fortes Gyae fortisque Cloanthe*" of Atholl, it would doubtless require a knowledge of Gaelic, and a pilgrimage to the scene of their career, to acquire any competent information; and it is not probable that the result would repay the pains taken to arrive at it.

There is, however, one individual who makes a rather prominent figure in this correspondence, whose name has not hitherto, (so far at least as is

known to the Editor,) been connected with the events of the period. The Doctor Colvill, who so frequently corresponds with the Marquis and his satellites regarding all the measures which they had the task of carrying into operation, was undoubtedly the Honourable George Colvill, fourth son of the eighth Lord Colvill of Culross, who is said by Wood to have been a physician in Dundee, and to have died unmarried in 1755. It is worthy of remark that his elder brother, (who had distinguished himself at the battle of Dettingen,) commanded the North British Fusileers at the victory of Culloden; and a nephew, of the same name, son of the ninth Lord Colvill, is also mentioned by Wood as having "pursued the rebels into Scotland under the Duke of Cumberland." Such divided politics in families were, as is well known, far from uncommon in Scotland at the period.

The style employed by most of these correspondents is neither better nor worse than the usual language of their time. The Marquis of Tullibardine, having lived much abroad, seems to have lost any facility of composition in his native language that he may have ever possessed, and in one letter printed in the Appendix, (No. V.) he appears to have found it so difficult a task to express his own meaning, that it may be doubted whether the illustrious individual to whom it is addressed could be much edified by its perusal. Lord George Murray's letters, on the other hand, are plain and decided in their language. Robertson of Strowan's effusions are so characteristic of that very eccentric genius, that it has been thought right to subjoin a lithographic facsimile of one of his most extravagant productions. Much bad spelling generally prevails, especially among the Highland gentry, but it cannot be denied that the palm in this respect is borne away by the heroine of the Rout of Moy,—the Lady of Mackintosh, —than whom, writes the *gallant* General Stewart, "of all the fine ladies, few were more *accomplished*, more beautiful, or more enthusiastic." Her enthusiasm is undisputed, nor would it be courteous to question her beauty, but it must be owned, that whatever accomplishments she may have possessed, they do not appear to have been of a literary nature.

The proof sheets have been rigidly compared with the original letters, which are thus *verbatim et literatim* put into the hands of the Club. In

many instances the facility of perusal might have been assisted by slight emendations, but it was considered that even mistakes and peculiarities, whether in spelling or grammar, were traits of character and habits which it would be improper to suppress.<sup>1</sup>

These papers may be considered as constituted of two distinct elements, —the original communications which the Marquis of Tullibardine received, and the scrolls of his own letters. On only two occasions does the signature of "Atholl" occur in the course of the series; in one of these instances it is partially torn off, in the other so nearly obliterated that it was with some difficulty that the original autograph could be traced for the purpose of a facsimile. The scrolls are, in general, written by the Marquis's successive secretaries; some of those so penned are corrected by himself, and others are entirely in his own handwriting. The letters received by the Marquis have been indorsed with punctilious accuracy, displaying the name of the writer, with the place and date of writing and receipt. This is generally in the handwriting of a secretary, but occasionally in that of the Marquis, who has also, in some of the scrolls of his own letters, supplied deficiencies and corrected mistakes. These indorsations afforded to the Editor the best possible authority for heading and titling the letters for the press, and he has therefore thought it right to adhere to them on every occasion, at some slight sacrifice of technical precision to virtual accuracy of designation. This circumstance will readily account to the reader for the Jacobite phraseology which pervades the table of contents. The convenience of this arrangement will readily present itself to the reader; it would have been, for instance, productive of perpetually recurring confusion, and consequent necessity of explanation, to have given the title "To the Marquis of Tullibardine," to a letter beginning "My Lord Duke."

<sup>1</sup> The following errors have escaped correction during the passage of the volume through the press. Lady George Murray's signature, at pages 23 and 51, ought to have been printed *Æmilia*: the title of No. XXIV. at page 27, should have been "The Duke of Atholl to S<sup>r</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Donald [and] M<sup>c</sup>Leod;" and Cluny's signature throughout, should have been "Ev. M<sup>c</sup>Pherson."

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Each letter is twice numbered on the back, one of the sets of numbers showing a collective, the other an individual reference. It at first occurred to the Editor, that one at least of these numerations might have been appended as a means of arranging the correspondence for the purpose of prosecution, but further examination showed that all markings of any kind in the series were made for the convenience of the Marquis himself. It appears that he numbered his letters in the order in which he received them, until he came to number 50, when he commenced a new series of a like number, distinguishing the fifties from each other, by No. 1. on each letter of the first series of 50, No. 2. on each letter of the second, and so on. It is perhaps worth noticing, as characteristic of the minute precision of the great Jacobite leader, that the Editor has seen several specimens of the domestic correspondence of the Marquis, at an early period of his life, consisting of invitations to dinner, and other communications of like importance, in which the same business-like system of indorsation is rigidly followed.

The Appendix is composed of two distinguishable sets of documents. The one (from No. 1. to No. 6. inclusive) consists of letters, which have evidently originally formed part of the Atholl correspondence, but which have apparently been for some time separated from the collection in the possession of Mr. Erskine. With the use of these documents, for the purpose of illustration, the Editor has been kindly furnished by their proprietor. The other series of documents consists of papers not connected with the Atholl correspondence, and which have no further claim to be associated with it than their reference to the same series of political events, and the circumstance that they have been found among the papers of the same family. Should the reader be inclined to think that the latter portion of these add unnecessarily to the bulk of the volume, it is hoped that the censure will not apply to the three letters from Lord Lovat—productions which the editor cannot help considering so intrinsically interesting, that there is no occasion to make any apology for their introduction. These three letters are all deeply tinged with the qualities and characteristics of their remarkable author;—the insinuating address—the deep guile—and the calm assumption of stainless integrity which enabled him to end his



black career with the unabashed application to his fate of the "*dulce et decorum est pro patria mori*," of Horace. Of these letters, the signature only is in the handwriting of their author, the services of a secretary having been employed on each occasion; and it may be noticed that the second and third, six years distant from each other in date, and written under such different circumstances, are in the same handwriting, showing apparently that even Lovat had some retainer in his service, who would not desert him in his last day of danger and distress,—an indication of devoted attachment, which appears somewhat unaccountable, if the following anecdote regarding him from Burt's letters from the North of Scotland is to be relied on, as furnishing fair data on which to form a general judgment of the estimation in which he was held by his dependents.

"As this chief was walking alone in his garden, with his dirk and pistol by his side, and a gun in his hand, as if he feared to be assassinated; and as I was reading in his parlour, there came to me, by stealth, (as I soon perceived,) a young fellow, who accosted me with such an accent, as made me conclude he was a native of Middlesex, and every now and then he turned about as if he feared to be observed by any of the family. He told me, that when his master was in London, he had made him promises of great advantage, if he would serve him as his gentleman; but though he had been there two years, he could not obtain either his wages or a discharge. And, says he, when I ask for either of them, he tells me I know I have robbed him, and nothing is more easy for him than to find among these Highlanders abundant evidence against me, innocent as I am, and then my fate must be a perpetual jail or transportation, and there is no means for me to make my escape, being here in the midst of his clan, and never suffered to go far from home. You will believe I was much affected with the melancholy circumstance of the poor young man; but told him that my speaking for him would discover his complaint to me, which might enrage his master, and in that case I did not know what might be the consequence to him. Then with a sorrowful look he left me."



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My Dear

I need not say  
a man is he  
who makes his  
belief of wrong  
the King. Few  
people in the  
I have been en-  
riched by your gra-  
tulations, the La.



# JACOBITE CORRESPONDENCE

OF

WILLIAM, MARQUIS OF TULLIBARDINE.<sup>1</sup>

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## I.

CIRCULAR LETTER—TO THE LAIRD OF ASSHENTILLY AND OTHER  
GENTLEMEN IN ATHOLL.

GENTILMEN,

THE King, for the recovery of his rights and putting an end to the destructive proceedings of unlawful government, has constituted The Prince, Regent of His Majesty's dominions, as you will see by a copy of his Commission and Declaration inclosed. His Royal Highness in this condition has brought me with him for the better accomplishment of his intention of freeing these Nations from the usurpation of foreigners and the imposing practices of those that adheres to them; therefore, according to the Prince's commands, this is requiring my Brothers, or any other of my near relations who are capable and well inclin'd, to make themselves

<sup>1</sup> It will be remarked that in the following correspondence the title of DUKE OF ATHOLL is assumed by William Marquis of Tullibardine, who would have succeeded to the family honours and estates, had he not been excluded by an Act of forfeiture, on account of his connection with the Rebellion of 1715. The title was, by the same act, made to devolve on his younger brother James; but the forfeiture of the elder brother was never acknowledged by the Jacobites.

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ready armed for the publick service with you, and appeare at your head  
so soon as H. R. H. comes amongst you, which will be very soon, to joyn  
the Royall Standard; of which time and place you shall be more fully  
acquainted by

GENTILMEN,

From the Camp at LOCHIEL,  
*Agust 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1745.*

Your most Affectionat  
and very Humble Servant.<sup>1</sup>

To the Laird of Asshentilley,  
Mr. Stewart of Kennichan,  
and the other honest Gentill-  
men in Atholl, to the care of  
Mr. Stewart of Glenbucke.

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II.

## CIRCULAR LETTER FROM THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

It is not above an hour since I had the honour to arrive here, in  
Company with his royall Highness the Prince, to assert his Majesty's  
right; and as you have ever continued to act as Loyall Subjects and  
Lovers of your Country, it leaves me no room to doubt that you will on  
this occasion manifest to the world your zeall and attachment to the royall  
family by appearing immediatly in Arms, with all the men you can get  
together, to join the royall Standard. I shall be heartily sorry that your  
delay to appear should oblige me, by his Highness orders, to use more  
disagreeable methods, therefore I hope you'll by no means fail to join our  
Army here to morrow or Munday, and I am,

Your affect. humble Serv<sup>t</sup>.

ATHOLL.<sup>2</sup>

From the CAMP at BLAIR, }  
*the 31<sup>st</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup>. 1745.* }

<sup>1</sup> This letter has no signature, but was evidently written by the Marquis of Tullibardine.

<sup>2</sup> The Signature has been partially torn off.

## III.

SCROLLS OF LETTERS FROM THE DUKE OF ATHOLL, WITH A LIST  
OF THE PERSONS TO WHOM THEY WERE SENT.

SIR,

I have informed the Prince of your stedfast adherence and good service done the King in the 1715, when you was so good as join your brother's men to mine in the regiment commanded by my brother Lord George. I persuade myself that the same good principles do still remain in you, and that you'll furthwith raise all the men living upon the Barrons of Affhantly and Balmaclachy, with those on your own interest, and join the army commanded by the Prince, wherever the royall standard is, as most convenient for you. I am well informed, that since you have left the country you have always considered your interest joined w<sup>t</sup> my family at all occasions; and therefore I hope you'll do the same at this juncture. You served as Lieut. Coll. last, and now deservedly you need not doubt of having y<sup>e</sup> Coll.'s command, and of all other service I can render you, being, w<sup>t</sup> perfect esteem and consideration,

SIR, &amp;c.

It is not above an hour since<sup>1</sup> I had the honour to arrive here in company with his Royall Highness the Prince, to assert his Majesty's undoubted right; and as you have ever continued to act as loyal subjects and lovers of your country, it leaves me no room to doubt that you will on this so much wished for occasion manifest to the world your zeal and

<sup>1</sup> This Letter is nearly the same, and is followed by another copy, almost *verbatim* with the one marked No. II.

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attachment to the royall family, by appearing immediatly in arms, with all the men you can get together, to join the royall standard. I shall be heartly forry that your delay to appear should oblige me, by his Highness' orders, to use more difagreeable methods. The army proceeds tomorrow to Blair, where I hope you will by no means fail to join on Sunday.

Your most affect<sup>d</sup> hu<sup>le</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>.

DALNACAIRDICH,  
30 Aug<sup>r</sup> 1745.

## STRATH TAY.

Robert Steuart of Kilchaffie.  
Duncan Steuart of Blackhill.  
Mr. George Robertson, Min<sup>r</sup>.  
Robert Steuart of Derghullich.  
James Menzies of Bofracks.  
John Reid of Pitnairie.  
Chas<sup>s</sup>. Steuart of Ballechan.  
John Robertson of Easter Tyre.

BELOW Y<sup>E</sup> PASS.

Finlay Ferguson of Baladmin.  
Henry Balnevis of Edderadour.  
Tho<sup>s</sup>. & Robert Fleeming, Elder  
and Y<sup>r</sup>. of Munefs.

## STRATHERDAILL.

Daniel Robertson of Balnacraig.  
William Small of Kindruggin.

John Robertson of Strathloch.  
Patrick Small of Dirnanear.  
Baron Reid.  
Alex<sup>r</sup>. Rattray of Tullichearran.  
Alex<sup>r</sup>. Rattray of Balinault.  
Don<sup>d</sup>. Robertson of Cultalowie.  
Spalding and M<sup>c</sup>Intosh, Portioners  
of Strommuck.  
Alex<sup>r</sup>. Murray of Arns.  
Ja<sup>s</sup>. Ferguson of Westercallie.  
Alex<sup>r</sup>. Kay Corridon.  
John M<sup>c</sup>Kenzie of Borlunt.  
Duncan Steuart of Milton.  
David Spalding of Whitthouse.  
Steuart, &c. Portioners of Cor-  
larich.  
Chas<sup>s</sup>. Spalding of Drimfork.  
David Robertson of Easterbleton.  
Alex<sup>r</sup>. Rattray of Dalruillean.



## IV.

FROM W. MURRAY, TAYMOUNT, TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

The kindness you was pleased to shew me in my younger days, encourages me still to hope for your patronage and friendship, which I flatter myself I have never done any thing to forfeit; but, as I hope to have the honour of waiting of you soon at Dunkeld, I will trouble you no further, only to assure you I always have been, and still am,

MY DEAR LORD, your Grace's affectionate  
Cousin and obedient humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

W. MURRAY.

TAYMOUNT, *Sept<sup>r</sup>. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1745.*

When I have the honour to see you, I will give my reason for not writing sooner.

## V.

FROM WILLIAM DAVIDSON, TO HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF ATHOLL  
AT BLAIR.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,

I presume to acquaint you that I am William Davidson of Auchterarder, near to your Grace's castle of Tullibardin, who had the honour to sit next you in the class at St. Andrews during the whole course of your studies under Pringle and Vilant, Regents. I had the misfortune to be the greatest sufferer when our 5 villages were burned, in the fatal January 1716, when your Grace went beyond sea, as you will see by the royal declaration enclosed. Having then lost all, and a numerous family to support by my daily industry, I could never recover my former estate.

I am not accustomed to arms, but can be an able faithful penman, if your Grace think fit to employ me; I shal take share of any fortune, and never leave you til death part us, being now free, a Widower, and all my children in busines.

Otherways, may it please your Grace, in my favours to apply his Royal Highness Charles Prince of Wales, Regent, and onely Righteous Heir to the Croun of these long oppressed Kingdoms, that I may have some subsistence to live by til God shal enable him to make full reparation, conform to Justice and his Father's Royal Promise. I pray God may croun your arms with success,—*Ferrea jam pereant, redeant Saturnia regna*, and am, with the most profound respect,

May it please your Grace,

Your Grace's most humble petitioner,

Most obedient servant,

WILLIAM DAVIDSON.

BLAIR, 7ber 2, 1745.

Respice famelicum, Maccenas digne Poetam

Bis captum Martis Mulciberique dolis;

Intulit, ah, misero flammas Montana Juventus.

Trux Iber in tumidis me spoliavit aquis.

Filius ante diem patrios inquit in annos.

Accipe nunc humiles mente favente preces.

An. Dom.

1716.

1740.

PARAPHRASED.

Burn'd by the CLANNS in furious ire,

Stripp'd by fierce Spaniards on the sea,

Escaped twice thro' sword and fire,

My cruel son hath robbed me.

## VI.

MEMORIAL HUMBLY OFFERED TO HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF ATHOLL  
ANENT THE ARMY'S ROUT IN THE LOW COUNTRY, TO THE ONLY  
SURE PASSES UPON FORTH, BY DOUN AND THE FORD OF FREW;  
ALSO, THE ROUT FROM THENCE TO LINLITHGOW, A MOST CON-  
VENIENT QUARTERS, OR TO GLASGOW, A WEALTHY OPEN CITY;  
ALSO, OF THE STRENGTH AND INCLINATIONS OF THE SEVERAL  
NOBLEMEN AND GENTLEMEN OF THESE COUNTRYS, AND HOW  
THEY STAND AFFECTED TO THE ROYAL CAUSE, BY

WILLIAM DAVIDSON.

*Ου χερσιν παντοχρῶν ἰδίου βωλεφρονος ἀνδρα.*—HOMER.

At pater in ripa gelidique sub ætheris axe

Æneas, tristi turbatus pectora bello,

Atque animum nunc huc celerem, nunc dividit illuc,

In partesque rapit varias, perque omnia versat.

VIRGIL.

Nam priusquam inceperis consulto, et ubi consulueris mature facto opus est.—SALLUST.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,

To glance over the following advices given by a sincere well-wisher,  
anent your rout from Perth, if you pass by the heads of Forth; containing  
an account of all Gentlemen how they stand affected or disaffected to  
the Royal Cause.

## DISAFFECTED.

1. Craigie of Kilgrafftown,  
wealthy.
2. Belfies of Innermay,  
wealthy.
3. Fenton of Milnearn,  
poor.

From Perth to  
Ochterarder and  
Tullibardin.—10  
Miles.

## WELL-AFFECTED.

1. Smyth of Methven,  
wealthy, but not much  
to be depended upon.
2. Graham of Balgowan,  
very wealthy and firm.
3. Moray of Abercairny,  
very wealthy and firm.
4. Oliphant of Gask, pretty  
wealthy and firm.

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## DISAFFECTED.

1. Haldane of Gleneagles, wealthy.

1. Campbel of Aberuchil at Kilbride.

From Ochterarder to Dumblane.  
—10 Miles.

From Dumblane to Doun, where

## WELL-AFFECTED.

5. Viscount of Strathallan, firm.  
6. Lord George Murray, wealthy, *non liquet*.  
7. Lord Rollo, poor, *non liquet*.  
8. Lord Ruthven, *non liquet*.  
9. Old Regent Craigie of Dumbarry, wealthy, *non liquet*.  
10. Moncrief, wealthy, *non liquet*.

1. Sir Henry Sterling of Ardoch, firm.  
2. Drummond Mcrigor of Balhaldie, who, with Glengyle, can raise 400 Mcgrigors, firm.  
3. Kippendavie, firm.  
4. Linton of Pittendrich, firm.  
5. Braco Graham's relict widow, a strong house, but the heir absent in Dutch service.  
6. Son-in-law to Burdon of Fedals, firm.  
7. Duke of Perth, most firm.

1. Newtoun Edmonstoun, firm.

## DISAFFECTED.

1. Lady Kilcroich, a widow.
2. Bontein of Mildovan, poor.

1. The City of Glasgow, wealthy and powerful.
  2. Campbel of Shawfield, wealthy.
  3. The Toun of Paisly.
  4. Port-Glasgow.
  5. St John Shaw with the toun of Greenock.
- Store of iron cannon at these two harbours.

there is a strong old castle, which commands the bridge and passes upon the rapid river Taith.—4 Miles.

From Doun to the Foord of Frew upon Forth.—3 or 4 Miles.

If you take your rout to Glasgow, a wealthy open city, where there is a good magazine of arms, and store of ammunition.—14 Miles.

## WELL-AFFECTED.

2. Hume of Argatie, wealthy and firm.
3. Edmonstoun of Cambs-Wallace, *non liquet*.
4. Stuart of Ballachallan, firm.

1. Blair Drummond, very wealthy and firm.
2. Haldane of Lenrick, *non liquet*.
3. Graham's of Monteith, with Gartmore, and David Graham of Orchil, Doer for the Duke of Montrose, generally firm.
4. Buchanan of Drumakill, able and firm.
5. Givan of Buchaple, firm.
6. Two Cunninghams upon Enrick-water, *non liquet*.

1. Earl of Wigtoun at Cumbernauld, firm and rich.
2. Stirling of Keir, at Calderhouse, rich and firm.
3. Duke of Hamiltoun powerfull and well-affected.
4. St James Hamiltoun of Rosehall, very wealthy.
5. St Archibald Stuart of Castlemilk.

## DISAFFECTED.

1. Toun of Stirling.
2. S<sup>r</sup> James Campbel of Ardkinlafs.
3. S<sup>r</sup> James Livingston, his Grandfon and Heir.

If you take your rout from the passage of Forth towards Linlithgow, where is a most convenient encampment, defended by a rapid river, with impassable banks on the west, on the north and east by a loch, which almost furrounds the palace, in a plentiful country, midway betwixt Edinburgh and Stirling, where his Royal Highness may expect powerful assistance, and may command a passage upon Forth to keep a free communication by Alloa, Airth, Borrowstouness, or Queensferry, it

## WELL-AFFECTED.

6. Stuart, brother-german to Lord Blantire.
7. Countess of Dundonald.
1. Seaton of Touch.
2. Paterfon of Bannockburn.
3. Murray of Powmeaths.

## DISAFFECTED.

1. Lord Napier.
2. The greater part of the Low Country common people, of the Presbyterian party, but the whole Episcopal party are firm to the Royal cause.

being within 5 miles of any of these. From the foord of Frew to St. Ninians.—7 Miles.

From St. Ninians to Linlithgow.—11 Miles.

## WELL-AFFECTED.

1. Graham of Airth, a wealthy learned Lawyer I suppose firm.
2. Boyd Earl of Kilmarnock, at Callendar House, at Falkirk, I think firm.
3. Lord Elphinstone, firm.
4. Earl of Hoptoun, immensely rich, within 3 miles of Linlithgow, who to preserve his beautiful seat of Abercorn, will not fail to contribute largely.
5. Lord Erskine, *alias* E. of Mar, at Alloa.
6. Earl of Traquair, most firm.
7. Stuart Lord Blantyre, most firm.
8. Hay of Drummellior, most firm.
9. The body of the city of Edinburgh, and many Hays of East Lothian, most firm.

Done by WILLIAM DAVIDSON,

BLAIR, September 3d. 1745.

## VII.

ROBERT MERCER OF ALDIE, TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DUKE,

As Mr. Murray tolde me Lord George said I was to see the inclosed, I judged there might be orders for me, which, finding there is, I have ordered the men of the Property lands to meet me on Thursday at ten in the morning, to execute your further orders. I expected to have met some of the Strathardl Vassels, who are not yet arrived, and was this day with Stenton, with whom I left orders about them; what else I had to say have tolde your Servant, and am,

Your Grace's most obedient humble Servant,

R<sup>o</sup>. MERCER.NAIRNE, *Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> 1745.*

## VIII.

THE DUKE OF ATHOLL TO COMMISSARY BISSET.

BLAIR, *Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> 1745.*

SIR,

By your upright and carefull diligence, authority, and influence with the young Commissary your son, to whom I join my good friend Mr. James Scot, as you'll acquaint him, I expect, demand, and positively require that the Dunkeld company of men, formerly consisting of sixty good men, come up here against to-morrow night, without farther delay, as you and your Son will be answerable to me at your peril, since our King and Country's cause can allow of no further idle excuses or imposing pretences, to frustrate my just expectations, which I expect will be readily comply'd with as you regard your own honour and safety. Therefore, don't imagine that people of honour are to be sham'd off with pitifull stories. You must be here to-morrow morning, and be sure your Son come



along with the men in the evening ; and remember that I depend upon him, as you will oblige one who has always endeavoured to serve and protect honest men.—I am,

SIR,

Your affectionate humble Servant,

Tell your nephew Thomas Bisset, that I would have him come up along with you to settle the concerns of my house at Dunkeld, to his and every body's just satisfaction, as well as my own ; he must bring along with him what saddle horses fitt for service, either in the parks or stables, with the two best work horses, and remember that I here recommend that no arms be hid or left in the house or about the town, which can be usefull to me or the men that are coming up. Forget not, on this occasion, that I shall always be your good friend if you give me sufficient proof that you deserve it. This goes, with a flying seal under cover, to Mr. Scot. Tell Chas. Stewart the Barber, if he does not come to serve me, he must go out as a foldier.

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IX.

SPALDING OF GLENKILRIE TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,

I had the honour of two letters directed by your Grace to me, the one came to my hands the third and the oyr the eight instant, and I may very freely say that I did exert myself, as farr as my present state of health and situation could allow, to obey your Grace's commands. I am very sorry that I have to say that there is greater difficultie to raise the men of this Countrie than ever I feed before, and that it seems to me that nothing will raise them to purpose without a pairty, but it will be understood twixt this and to-morrow night or Thursday morning who will

goe out voluntirly. Mr. Ogilvie, younger of Shanyvey, spook to me yesterday, and told me his father is engaged with Lord Ogilvie to answer for his lands in Glenisla. I desired his son to raise his father's men in Glenisla and the neighbourhood there; he promised to me to do so and to go forward to-morrow the eleventh, but he expects to be an officer, (I mean a subaltern commission,) I encouraged him in his demand, and I doubt not but he will implement his promise if the men rise for him. Mr. Murray of Soilary went off in the afternoon yesterday with a few in order to hasten more to follow him; I expect some more have followed this morning. There shall be nothing neglected that lies in my power in this matter. I am sorry that my bad state of health has not allowed me to wait of your Grace sooner, but I would fain think and hope that my distemper may soon wear over so as that I may have that honour and pleasure. I think your Grace or any man else needs not doubt of my activity and good inclinations to that good cause, and my constancy in serving that noble and illustrious family of Atholl. I do think, with submission, that Mr. Murray of Soilary is a person qualified to command a company, for I found him abundantlie frank to join in that service. I can say no more at this time until I see how the country raises, and then, I believe, some more gentlemen will go alongest with them, and, in the meantime, I wish all prosperity and success to the just and honest Cause. I am,

Your Grace's most humble and  
most obedient Servant,  
AN. SPALDING.

GLENKILRIE,  
2<sup>d</sup> 10th Sept<sup>r</sup>. 1745.

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X.

ROBERT MERCER OF ALDIE TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

There is none of the Strathardle gentlemen nor people come near me yet, and I finde nothing but trifling and excuses from a great many

of the property lands, nor have I any one gentleman to suport me or advife me. I hear Soilery has been with your Grace, whom I expected would have joynd me, nor have I heard of the party has gone to Strathardl; and the How of Mulion, Bifhopry, and Dunkeld, want a fpur of the parties as much as any; in the meantime I am calling in for arms where I can hear of them, waiting orders. I am,

Your moft obedient

humble Servant,

RO. MERCER.

MULIANARN,

*Sept<sup>r</sup>. 12th, 1745.*

Georgie, the bearer, will inform your Grace more particularly of my fituation.

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## XI.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

LITHGOW, 15th *Sept<sup>r</sup>*. 1745.

*8 in the morning.*

D<sup>a</sup> BROTHER,

The Armie marched on Friday at break of day from the Camp near Dumblane, pafd the Forth at the Frues about ten, and halted at Leky and incampd all night at Tuch. On Saturday decamped at brake of day, paffed by Stirling, (the dragoons having left it at our paffing the Forth,) where the gates of the town were thrown open, I demanded in his Royal Highnefs' name provifions from the town for his Armie, which was imediately comply'd with, when we halted near Banockburn; we incamp'd that night in a heath a mile eaft of Falkirk, and after midnight I was ordered for Lithgow, where Gardiner and his regiment of dragowns were incamp'd. We got there by four in the morning, with the commanders of Lochiell, Keppoch, Glengary, and Apin's batalions and about

eight hundred spare men out of them corps fully arm'd; but the gentlemen on the black horse made a retreat in such hurry that they left their hay, and were not half an hour in getting up their tents, &c. I hope our good luck will continue. I long to hear of Nairn. Adieu.

Yours, &c.

GEORGE MURRAY.

I forgot to tell you that the Castle of Stirling fired some guns as we passed, wither as a salute or in a hostile manner we can only judge by conjecture. I believe there never were any troops that have made such vast marches, out 'fo early, always dark before incamping, often scanty for provisions, and yet [in] high spirits. Adieu.—I know for certain Glasgow was to have delivered her keys, &c. The Low country people seem to be much in our interest, and, were it not for our maroding, I believe we would be welcome guests.

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## XII.

JO. STEWART OF STENTON TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

STENTOWN, *Sept. y<sup>e</sup> 15th, 1745.*

MY LORD,

Your Grace's of the thirteenth current, came to my hand yesterday's forenoon, by Mr. Laird; and, in obedience to your Lordship's commands, I went to Dunkeld, but to no purpose, for I plainly see that the whole inhabitants there are quite degenerat from their ancestors, and not one spark of Loyalty among them; and, as the bearer can inform your Grace, not one man of them will stir without force, and even then there is neither gun nor sword to be had; the Laighwood men are on the same footing, and have neither arms nor willingness. As for Inwar and Little Dunkeld, Charles M'Glashan tells me they have delivered four men as their quota, to Mr. Mercer of Aldie. Now from what I have

faid, I leave your Grace to confider what is to be done with thofe unwilling people without arms. This is all occurs to me at the time. I wait your Grace's further orders; and, with all fincerity and due refpect, I ever am,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's moft humble, and  
moft oblidge Servant,

JO. STEWART.

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### XIII.

WILLIAM SPENCE AND JAMES BISSET TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,

We were honoured with your Grace's favours of the 13<sup>th</sup>, defireing our raifing and bringing up to Blair the Dunkeld Company ag<sup>t</sup> Munday.

We flatter ourfelves that the humour and refractory temper of the Dunkeld people is not unknown to your Grace, that nothing but force, with your Grace's prefence, or the prefence of your Officers with a party, can or will pull them from their houfes, and that tho' we were to embark heartily in the caufe, neither of us could influence or induce them to rife voluntarily; as we have no weight with them, they reckon themfelves as to us independent—nay more, looking on us upon account of our little trading, depending rather on them.

As this is therefore the cafe, and that we have laid down a refolution not to dip or meddle with the Intereft of either party, we are inclined to think that even the advifing, much more the forcing, is incompatible with the Offices we bear, and the Oaths we have taken. We beg therefore your Grace will excufe us, put no hardships upon us, but allow us to live in peace, in terms of the Proclamation and Manifefto. We both join

in wishing your Grace health, happinefs, and the continuance of that kindnefs you have fhown our Town, and us in particular.—We are,

Your Grace's moft obliged humble Servants,

WM. SPENCE.

JAMES BISSET.

DUNKELD, *Sept<sup>r</sup> 15<sup>th</sup>*, 1745.

#### XIV.

JO. ROBERTSON OF EASTERTYRE TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,

My Son tells me he has had the honour to wait off your Grace this day, and tho' he had no time to be equip<sup>d</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> way I could wifh it; In order to overtake your Grace, he goes as he cam from his Buſinefs. He was bred in the Merchandife way, and writes a pretty good hand, and underſtands Book-keeping.

If your Grace pleaſe to employ him in that ſhape, and to attend your Grace's perſon, I hope he'll give content, and when it comes to Action, I hope he'll play the man. I recomend him to your Grace's care. May Almighty God preſerve your Grace, and grant ſucceſs, which is the Earneſt wiſh of him who is, with greateſt Reſpect and Eſteem,

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,

Your Grace's moſt humble obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>,

JO. ROBERTSON.

BALNAGAIRD, 15<sup>th</sup> *Sept<sup>r</sup>* 1745.

#### XV.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO LORD OGILVY.

TULLIBARDINE, 15<sup>th</sup> *Sept<sup>r</sup>* 1745.

MY LORD,

This night my Lord Nairne, with a bode of Foot, and Lord Kellie, with ſome Fife Gentlemen, were to croaſs the Forth in order to Joyn his

Royal Highness. As formerly, he has thought fit to give me the command on this side of the river Forth, I cannot but think it's proper that you should march what men your Lordp. has readie to Dunkeld, to Joyn me to-morrow night, or as soon as possible, where you may mett some of the clans who are coming up, and also be usefull in helping me to raise more men than I have as yet got out of that countrey; besides, it does not seem as yet safe for your Lordship to march after the Prince, unless you cou'd have met with the above detachment this night; therefore, I believe you will do very good service to the King by coming to Dunkeld or Blair.

As your Lo. lyies near to get Intelagence of the Enemy, I hope you will lay yourself out for sure information of them from time to time. Pray let me heare from you so soon as possible; in the meantime, I am.

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## XVI.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO LORD GEORGE MURRAY.

TULLIBARDIN, 16<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1745.

*Ten o'clock in the morning.*

DEAR BROTHER,

Just now I had the pleasure of yours, dated yesterday morning, from Lithgow, and am glad to find by it that H. R. H. and his armie is well and hearty. I went to Dumblain with my Lord Nairn and about a thousand men he brings up to the Prince, who were to pass the Forth last night; I am perswaded they will be no plunderers, being honest brave men, tho' disheartned for want of armes. I am much surpris'd that Secretary Murray has omitted to send me, as he promised, the Regent's pour to command in the most regular manner; I hope you'll get it soon sent me by some trusty personne, with money to defray the charges of a considerable number of men, who, I presume, will yet be quickly got together in these parts to follow H. R. H. with the rest of the clans, who,

it's said will soon be with us; and Lord Ogilvie, he and all with me, God willing, may ere long be able to join you effectually, but arms and money is much wanted, of which I desired Lo. Nairn, Kynochan, and Blairfaite to fully inform our young master.—I am, &c.

This night I am to be at Dunkeld on my way to Blair, adieu.

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## XVII.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO LORD OGILVY.

DUNKELD, *Sept<sup>r</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1745.*

MY LORD,

I wrote your Lo<sup>p</sup>. on the fifteenth from Tullibardin, to which I have the answer by your express, who left your Lo<sup>p</sup>. this morning at Cortochy. I thank you kindly for your Lordship's good will towards helping me in raising more men, which I hope may be done without compulsion. The letter your Lo<sup>p</sup>. sends me is from the Prince Regent's Secretary, Mr. J. Murray, dated the 15th instant, who informs me that his Royal Highness desires you shou'd march forward to joyn him with all expedition, believing that you and the Mar men were 800 strong, therefor I intreat your Lo<sup>p</sup>. will make no delay in setting out for that end, as I shall likewise do, as soon as it is possible to get any considerable number of men together who may be fitt for his service, to which I can add no more, being, with perfect respect, my Lord,

Your most obedient

and most humble Servant.



## XVIII.

DUKE OF ATHOL TO Mr. MURRAY, SECRETARY TO THE PRINCE REGENT.

DUNKELD, *Sept<sup>r</sup>. 20<sup>th</sup>* 1745.

SIR,

Late last night I had the honour of your's, dated the fifteenth, under Lord Ogilvy's Cover; there is here inclosed a copey of my answer to his Lo<sup>p</sup>'s letter, with a copey of the answer to my brother George's Letter of the same date with your's, for I am afraid it came not to hand, tho' sent by him who brought the accounts he sent me. I hope his R. H.'s situation is much changed to the better from what it was then, since we are rejoicing here on repeated, tho' indirect accounts, that the Prince is in Possession of the Capitoll of his Antient Kingdom. I heartily wish we could frequently have sure Intelagence of your Situation, by which it would be much easier for us to direct our motions. Pray, with my most humble duty to his R. H., let him know that nothing shall be neglected can possibly be done by me for his service, and shall lose no time in Joyning him when any sufficient number of men can soon be got together. I am told that some of the Clans are soon to be in these partes, so pray remember nothing can be done with them nor others to purpose without Armes, Amunition, and Money, which is principally wanted. Above a third of what you sent me was given to the detachment passed Forth with my Lord Nairne; if the earnest desire I have to be with you is considered, one must be supported in unavoidable charges, besides on Verbal Orders I cannot shew sufficient Power to act in such a manner as is regularly fitt for his Highness' Service; since that's my only Veu, I would rather receive Positive Orders, than be forced to act without a Perfe& Concert. I am, SIR,

Your most humble and  
most obedient Serv<sup>t</sup>.

## XIX.

LADY GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

I am juſt now inform'd by a Gentleman who came from Stirling at eleven laſt night, that, ſome hours before he left that place, there were certain accounts come of an Engagement betwixt His Royal Highneſs's Army and Cope's, near to Cockeny, about ſeven miles from Ed<sup>r</sup>. The Highlanders lay encamp'd the night before half a mile from the regular Troops, and at break of day attack'd them both Front and Flanks. The enemy's Horſe very ſoon gave way, but the foot fought reſolutely. There are three Companys of the firſt taken Priſoners, five hundred of the laſt kill'd, and they ſay the reſt taken. Cope run away, and got aboard of a man of war which was lying near to Cokeny. Colonel Gardiner is mortally wounded; and Colonel Hackit, Laird of Pitkellony, and ſeveral Officers taken Priſoners. The Battle laſted but about half an hour, and the Highlanders behaved moſt bravely. The Gentleman who brought the above accounts into Stirling was preſent the time of the action, and ſtay'd there two hours after all was over; he tells that the Prince was well; that he ſee'd the Duke of Perth and L<sup>d</sup>. George after the Battle; and heard of nobody of any note being either kill'd or wounded on our ſide; and but a few of the Private men.

I pray God continue to proſper His Royal Highneſs' Arms, and congratulates your Grace upon this Happy ſucceſs. Tho' 'tis like your Grace may have a more particular account of what has happened before this comes to your hands, yet in caſe you had not, thought it my duty to acquaint you of what I heard, imagining that your Friends wou'd not find time for writing immediately after the Engagement.

As I have a very great concern about your Grace's Health, I beg to know how you have kept it ſince I had the Honour of ſeeing you here;

and if you have got quite rid of your Cough. I am, with the greatest esteem and regard,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most affectionate

fifter, and most Hum<sup>le</sup> Servant,

AMILIA MURRAY.

TULLIBARDIN, 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept.  
seven in ye morning, 1745.

I hear that there is lying at Alloa 16 piece of Cannon, which Cope cauf'd ship at Aberdeen, besides a good deal of his baggage.

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XX.

DUKE OF ATHOL TO LADY GEORGE MURRAY.

DUNKELD, *Sept.* 22, 1745.

MADAM,

About mid-day I was most agreeably surprized with your Ladyship's delightfull letter, giving the only distin& Account has yet come here of the victory gain'd by his Royal Highness's army, for which all honest men in these parts are in the utmost joy. All friends with me are very thankful for your obligeing and carefull diligence in letting us know the certainty of such valuable and important news. Pray, Madam, be so good as to continue your useful endeavours towards acquainting us with what you hear is passing of Consequence, which may be very serviceable to the Loyal Cause, and most obliging to one who is, with perfect Esteem,

MADAM,

Your most affectionat Brother

and humble Servant,

ATHOLL.<sup>(1)</sup>

<sup>(1)</sup> The Signature is scored out.

I beg you'll excuse my writing you by another hand than my own, being really a very slow writer, and at present has very little time to employ as wish'd. I hope your lovely children are still in good health, pray remember me in the most affectionat manner to them. I thank you kindly for your Ladyship's concern about my health, which is better than it was. I have repeted assurances of what you write, about Cope's baggage and Cannon at Alloa, and wishes we may be able to find some effectual means for timeously seizing of them, so that they may be made useful to the publick Service.

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## XXI.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

EDINBURGH, 24<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1745, *six at night*.

D<sup>R</sup> BROTHER,

I'm sure you would not blame me for not writing, did you know the fatigue and various Dutys I have been oblig'd to undergoe, and am still subjected to. I thought sending a person off the Field to tell you by word of mouth was better than any accounts I could write of our Batle. I can now tell you for certain there can never be 500 men assembled of Mr. Copp's armie again, perhaps scarce the half. Our los's may be about 36 kill'd, and 50 wounded; theirs, 600 killed, as many wounded, and 12 hundred prisoners besides, for of whole and wounded, we have actually from 16 to 18 hundred prisoners, of which above 80 officers. The inclofd print is not very correct, and take it altogether is pretty tolerable. I send you a list of his Highness' Privy Councile, we expect money and every thing else will be got ready now, and those of the Councile who will act for ordinary are pretty well versed in affairs, and quite staunch.

Balgowen and Abercairney and others in our country will furnish you with all the money can be got by them, and I expect some may be sent you soon from hence. Nothing vexes me at present so much as that your men are much fewer in number than was expected, and of these few, several have deserted since they passed the Forth; I shall send lists of those by my next, and intreat, if possible, you may make up our two battalions 500 each, and with Mr. Mercer, (who will soon have a commission sent him,) had one of the same number, in which case you could go to Perth for your head quarters, and take up the cess and other taxes of Perth, Angus, and Fyfehire; this I write as my own sentiment. We have got above 1000 stand of more arms more than we want at present; 2000 targets and 500 tents are furnished by the Town of Edinburgh, which, with what we have got from Cope's army, will serve near double our number. Being vastly wearied and sleepy, I conclude with my hearty wishes that the latter part of your life may be as fortunate as the former was cross. Adieu. I am, unalterably, yours,

GEORGE MURRAY.

LIST OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS' PRIVY COUNCIL.

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| • Duke of Atholl, President. | • Lord Cardross.                  |
| • Earl of Wemyss.            | • Sir James Stewart of Goodtrees. |
| Lord George Murray.          | • Mr. Wauchop Niddery.            |
| • Viscount of Strathallan.   | • Mr. Hugh Hamilton of Bogg.      |
| • Viscount of Arbuthnot.     | • Mr. John M'Leod of Moravenside. |
| • Lord Kenmuir.              | • Mr. John Stirling of Keir.      |
| Lord Nairn.                  | • Mr. Archibald Stewart, L.P.     |
| Lord Elcho.                  | • Mr. James Graham of Airth.      |
| Lord Ogilvie.                | • Mr. John Murray of Broughton.   |

## XXII.

DUKE OF ATHOL TO LORD LOVAT, THE EARL OF SEAFORTH, AND THE  
EARL OF CROMARTY.

MY LORD,

Being perswaded of your Lo<sup>d</sup>'s inclinations to serve the King for the delivery of your country from oppression, his Royal Highness having constituted me Commander-in-Chief of his Majesty's Forces benorth the River of Forth, I cannot but hereby desire your Lo<sup>d</sup> may raise all your men in arms, and with the outmost expedition, march them with me to join his Royal Highness.

I hope your Lo<sup>d</sup>. will, without delay, should not your health allow you to come yourself, appoint and direct your men, with such officers as you think proper, to set out soon. And as doubtless you are informed of his Highness' complete victory, you will also encourage your neighbours quickly to second his glorious undertaking.

Pray let me have your return as soon as possible, that I may acquaint His Royal Highness of your Lo<sup>d</sup>'s resolution, who expects you are ready to show your Loyalty on so happy an occasion.

I beg your Lo<sup>d</sup>. will excuse the not writing with mine own hand, having really so much ado as renders it almost impossible.—I am,

MY LORD,

Your Lo<sup>d</sup>'s most obedient humble Serv<sup>t</sup>.

BLAIR CASTLE, *September 25<sup>th</sup>*, 1745.

## XXIII.

DUKE OF ATHOL TO THE DUKE OF GORDON.

BLAIR CASTLE, 25 *Sept<sup>r</sup>*, 1745.

MY LORD,

As His Royal Highness the Regent has been pleased to confirm

the Commition formerly given me by the King, to be Comander-in-Chief on this side the Forth, allow me to say here I should be glad to see your Grace will quickly Joyn with all your folowers to assist in Restoring him to his Crown.

The former Loyalty of your Prediceffors gives me no room to doubt your cheerfull and readie inclinations to second the desires of our Royal Master ; and as I have the honour to be nearly allied and related to your Grace, hopes you'll have some regard for the request of a well-wisher that entreats he may soon have the pleasure of seeing you appeare as is necessary for advancing our King and Countrey's service on this happy occasion, whereby you'll give much satisfaction.

I hope your Grace will be so good as to communicat this to my Nephew the Earle of Aberdeen, to whom I had writte had not I heard that you are together at Kelly. I beg your Grace will most affectionatly remember me to my Lady Duchefs.

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#### XXIV.

DUKE OF ATHOL TO S<sup>R</sup> ALEX<sup>R</sup> M<sup>C</sup>DONALD, M<sup>C</sup>LEOD.

BLAIR CASTLE, *Sept<sup>r</sup> 25<sup>th</sup>*, 1745.

SIR,

Being perswaded of your good Intentions to serve the King and deliver your Country from oppression, his Royal Highness having Constituted me Commander-in-Chief of his Majesty's Forces benorth the River of Forth, do hereby desire you'll raise all your men in arms, and with the outmost expedition march with me to join his Royal Highness.

I am sensible it was more your misfortune than fault that you have not already had a share in the late victory obtained by His Highness, the most compleat that has been known, all the enemy's foot being either killed or taken prisoners ; and a great number of the horse also either

kill'd or taken ; and that with a handfull of brave Highlanders, 1500 of them only having been engaged. I hope after the example of your predecessors, you will endeavour to bring up not only your own followers, but your neighbours, who I expect will excuse me from not writing to every one, hoping you'll be so good as communicat this to them. Pray let me have your return as quick as possible, that I may acquaint his Highness of your resolution, who expects you are ready to shew your Loyalty on so happy ane occasion.

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## XXV.

CLUNY McPHERSON TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,

I have the honour to receive both your Grace's letters, and would willingly send the number of men you desire, but I find it absolutely necessary to keep all the men I can make together untill we march wholly. As one reason, I find we must use force before we can bring all we intend from these quarters ; and by the enclos'd your Grace will see that it will not be disagreeable to others, that we do not hurry a movement till they have time to be at us ; and besides, I know by the disposition of people here, it will be displeasing to them not to be allowed to march from the country in one body ; for which reasons, and some more I could adduce, I hope your Grace will excuse me.

I give thanks to Almighty God for the glorious victory His Royal Highness has obtained, and wishes our dear Countrymen who had the honour first to join in the cause, and have been active, all joy. Pray God we may all soon congratulate one another on the finishing of the great and glorious work. I beg your Grace may please to send me as particular accounts as possible of the action, the kill'd, wounded, and pris-



oners taken, and return y<sup>e</sup> enclōsed. I am, with great sincerity, and all imaginable respect,

MAY IT PLEASE Y<sup>r</sup> GRACE,

Your Grace's most faithfull and most  
ob<sup>t</sup> humble Servant,

C. M<sup>c</sup>PERSON.

CLUNY, 26<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>. 1745.

XXVI.

DUKE OF ATHOL TO CLUNY M<sup>c</sup>PERSON.

BLAIR CASTLE, Sept<sup>r</sup>. 26<sup>th</sup> 1745.

SIR,

I received yours and the Gentleman's letter you inclosed, who I believe means very well, and gives his Opinion for the best. I am perswaded that the greater body of men appears soon to go out together it would be the better; but as it's uncertain when some of our neighbours can positively joyn us, we should not lose time for ane uncertainty. It is not shew of numbers can do the business, therefor am still very much of opinion you shou'd come up hither without delay, and rather give than take the Example of being forward in the King and Countrey's Service: one is not to account for others, if they do well themselves. Believe me, the Prince expects every particular body of men will come up to him as fast as they can, without waiting the motions of any other people who are slow, or at a more remote distance.

As I am very sensible of your hearty good will for the public cause, and concern for what regards me, so you may be satisfied of the affection and esteem with which

I am, &c.

## XXVII.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

Ed<sup>n</sup>. 26th Sep<sup>r</sup>. 1745.D<sup>R</sup>. BROTHER,

This goes by Sheen Menzies, who, with a hundred men, guards so many of our prisoners to Logaret, which is the place thought most proper for guarding them for the present. As they know if any of them should attempt to make their escape, the prisoner being retaken after such attempt, will immediately suffer death, it will make them in my apprehension be upon their good behavior and under absolute command. There must be an exact list of their names, and the different regiments they belong to, and tho' they be quartered thro' all the town of Logaret, yet twice a day they must be reviewed. The guard you place at Laugaret may be in your House, and the court room will hold a considerable number of the prisoners, and the jail is at hand if any of them should be obstreperous. Tho' there be no arms but Lochaber axes it will suffice; and all the country to be warned if any of the prisoners should be found any where half a mile from Logaret, to be looked upon as endeavouring to make their escape. You will please give directions to provide meal, for it is thought that two pecks o' meal to each prisoner is a full allowance; but, if you think it proper, for one of the pecks, you may order so much mutton a-week to each as will answer to the other peck. Of all things, you must find a proper person to have the charge of the prisoners, and be cap. of the guard, and one to be provisor. You can order in meal from any part of the country where it can be got, and give receipts for it in his Highness' name.

I told you, in one of my former, that some Gentlemen had promised more money in loan to his R. H. besides what they already gave, but it is to their Ladies you will please to write, as they appear to do the thing, and not the Husbands. It is also expected you will give the requisite

orders for levying the Land tax and Excise, &c. I have in the meantime procured £200 Sterling, which Shian will deliver to you from his R. H. for the most urgent occasions in which you are judge.

For God's sake cause some effectual method be taken about the deserters; I would have their houses and crop destroyed for an example to others, and themselves punished in a most rigorous manner.

What I have wrote is by his R. H. express Commands, and he further bids me tell you, that by Letters taken and otherways, Commissary Bisset appears to be a noted Spy, and his Highness desires you if possible to secure him in close confinement, that he may not have the use of pen, paper, and ink.

I know you want armes, but tho' we can spare some, I do not know how to get them sent. I ever am,

D<sup>R</sup> BROTHER,

Your most affect<sup>d</sup> Brother, and

Faithful Humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

GEORGE MURRAY.

His Highness desires the Sergeants and Corporals may be quite seperate from the private men, and have no communication with them. All Highlanders that have not a pass should be secured, if going homeward through your Country.

## XXVIII.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

Ed<sup>s</sup>, 26th Sept<sup>r</sup>. 1745.

D<sup>R</sup>. BROTHER,

I have wrote to you just now by Sheen, who goes with the prisoners (asleep a great many of them) to Logierat, where they are to be kept. I must refer you to what I have said in that letter, but thought it best

acquainting you before hand, that all things may be in readinefs by the time they come there. They talk of fome Dutch being landed, but they are not above 1000 men, near Newcastle or Berwick. I can promife you we have a vaft defire to be in hands with the Dutch, and are refolved not to be cumbered with Dutch prifoners as we are with our own Country-men. Mr. Mercer's Commiffion fhall be fent as foon as poffible; fuch is the hurry, that we have not time to fleep or eat.

I ever am your's,

GEORGE MURRAY.

### XXIX.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

D<sup>R</sup> BROTHER,

As this goes by Fafcaly, who is fent to bring up the men to compleat your two Batalions, I need not fay much, but refer you to him. Some feveritys muft be ufed (to prevent greater evils) againft thofe who have deferted, and you fhould even take all their armes from them, and give them to others, for upon their coming back to us they will get armes. Could we keep our men together, and prevent depredations on the Country, I firmly believe we would be able to go thro' all the Ifland.

I ever am your's,

GEORGE MURRAY.

ED<sup>N</sup>. 27<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>. 1745.

### XXX.

LADY GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

The enclof'd having come to my hands to-night, I take the occafion of writing your Grace a few lines along with it, to return my thanks

for the Honour of your kind and obliging Letter of the 22<sup>d</sup>, and as your Grace desires in it, I shall be sure to inform you of any thing I hear that's worth while to acquaint you off. I was told to-day that Mr. Forbes, the President, had wrote a Manifesto, Counter to the Prince's, where in the strongest terms he diswades his country men from joining His Royal Highness; tho' tis very like this story may be entirely without foundation, for the authority I had it from was not good, however writes it to your Grace as I happened to hear it. My intelligence was wrong about part of Cope's Baggage, &c. being at Alloa, for a Gentleman told me, who came from that place on Tuesday, that it was lying in a Ship at Boristouness, with a man-of-war hard by to guard it. There pass'd last week through Ochterarder, seven of the Atholl men, deserters from the Army (two of them was nam'd Stewart, and lives in Glenqueath), and the people there took from them six guns and a sword, which was brought here next day, where they still are. Wishing for good accounts of your Grace's Health, I have the honour to be, with great regard,

MY LORD,  
Your Grace's most affect<sup>e</sup> Sister,  
and most humble Servant,  
EMILIA MURRAY.

TULLIBARDIN, 27<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1745.

I'd fain hope your Grace has by this time heard of S<sup>r</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup>. Mc'Donald and Mc'Loid's being to join the Prince.

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### XXXI.

CLUNY M'PHERSON TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MAY IT PLEASE Y<sup>R</sup> GRACE,

I have from the Bearer Twelve Letters, which I shall take care duly to forward. I wish my Express, sent to your Grace yesterday, may

bring me particular accounts of the Battle, the numbers and names, as far as can be got, of the Dead and wounded. I shall be with your Grace as soon as possible, and with all Due Respect, most faithfully am,

MAY IT PLEASE Y<sup>R</sup> GRACE,  
Your Grace's most obedient humble Servant,  
C. MCPHERSON.

CLUNY, 27<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1745.

### XXXII.

GEO. STIRLING TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

I was honoured with your Grace's of the 25<sup>th</sup> curt. last night, and communicat it to Glenbucket, who had appointed me to levy the Excise and Stent of this place, which he's to take with him, having run short of monnie. He desires me to offer your Grace his humble Compliments, and would have writ you himself, had he not been much hurried; he marches this day by Crief to p a the Forth. Lord Ogilvie's men were last night at Couper, and are to joyn Glenbucket about Dumblane. There's a great many horse coming with Lord Pitligo; Glenbucket had given Commiffion to Mr. Fergefon to colle&t the Excise of that Colle&tion, but I believe he must have assistance of a Party. There's at least half-a-year's cefs due. I doe think your Grace should appoint a Collector to levy it. We have nothing new from the Prince's Armie, only they are all in top spirits, and wants to be furdur south. A perticullar of the Glorious Vi&tory was printed in the Munday's Mercury, which I make no doubt your Grace has seen. With all deuitfull Respect and Esteem, I am,

MY LORD,  
Your Grace's most obedient  
and very humble Servant,

GEO. STIRLING.

PERTH, 27<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1745.

## XXXIII.

GEO. STIRLING TO MR. MERCER OF ALDIE.

SIR,

Yours to Glenbucket of the 27<sup>th</sup>, cam here yesterday, Lord Ogilvie made it open, as the Generall had marched the day before; I forwarded it to him by Mr. Da. Fothergham, who was to be at Dumblaine laft night. Lord Ogilvie marched this day for Crief with 400 men, more are following him, and some few of the Brac of Mar men, with Monaltrie. There's a good many from Dundee, and Angus Gentilmen, with Lord Ogilvie. I fend this Expreſs to acquaint you, there's £32 ſterling here, in Mr. Carmichall of Beglie's hands, collected ſince Glenie went off, and a good dale more to collect of the Excife and Stent; but I am afrayed it will not be payed, except his Grace of Atholl fend down a few men here, and at the ſame time ane order upon Carmichael the Collector, to pay in what he has collected to any body his Grace ſends, who's to give a receipt for what he receives. It's a pitie we had not a few men here to keep the countrie in awe, and raiſe the publick monnie. I ſaw a ſervant of the D. of Perth's here yesterday, who left the Prince and all his Armie, to the number of 8000, in top ſpirits, Thurſday's Evening. There's a detachment of Horſe and Foot ſent to Glaſgow to raiſe monnie. Pleaſe offer my moſt humble Deuty to my Lord Duke, and, with all eſteem, I am,

Your moſt humble obed<sup>t</sup> Servant,

GEO. STIRLING.

PERTH, 29<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1745, one afternoon.

Remember me to the honeſt Doct<sup>r</sup>. They have elected a Dundie Magiſtrat, and are to doe it here to-morrow. As all the men are to leave this to-night, in order to meet Lord Ogilvie at Dumblaine to-morrow, I expected you would have ſent a Detachment here to prevented this, as I told you.—Adeu in heaft.

## XXXIV.

JA. SCOT TO MR. MERCER OF ALDIE.

HON<sup>D</sup>. SIR,

I juſt now had the incloſed from Mr. Stirling, p. expreſs, which I thought would be y<sup>e</sup> ſteadieſt man I could get to go forward, which he willingly undertook. I ſuppoſe Mr. Stirling has wrote you that Glenbucket and his men left Perth on Friday, Ld. Ogilvie this day, Lord Pitſligo is coming up, he ſays, with 300 Horſe, Monaltry croſſed at Bridgend this afternoon with 70 or 80. Your Strathardale party is not yet arrived here; I hear a great many Atholl people that went out are returned, eſpecially ſome men at Logyreat that got money. Our Collection of Excife ſhould be to-morrow, I ſhall wiſh to hear good accounts of my Lord Duke, and all with you, and am, with the utmoſt ſincerity and regard,

HON. SIR,

Your moſt faithful and  
moſt obedient Servant,

JA. SCOT.

*Sept<sup>r</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1745,**5 horſe, 48 minutes at night.*

## XXXV.

DR. COLVILLE TO MR. STIRLING.

D<sup>R</sup> SIR,

I am by his Grace deſired to acquaint you that he received your Letter, for which his Grace returns you thanks, and had not y<sup>e</sup> Letter



been misplaced, would have answered it himself. His Grace has also rec<sup>d</sup> your Letter to Mr. Mercer of 27<sup>th</sup>,<sup>(1)</sup> only this day, and has given an order as you desire to Mr. Robertson of Bohespie, y<sup>e</sup> Bearer, to receive from Mr. Carmichael all the publick money in his hands, for which Mr. Robertson is to give his receipt. His Grace desires you'll be so good as advise Mr. Robertson in every step he is to take in this affair, so as may be best for the publick good, to let us know from time to time what you think necessary to be done in your parts, and it will be taken care of accordingly.

I am, with great Truth and Affection,

DEAR SIR,

Your most, &c.

30<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1745.

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XXXVI.

SPALDING OF ASHINTULLY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DUKE,

Had I not been persuaded by some people, who I now believe are unfriendly to me, to delay it untill your Grace were farther advanced in y<sup>e</sup> Country, I would have gone and meet your Grace upon your arrival. After your Grace came to Atholl, I was ashamed to go without some men, and therefore went to Perth in order to have got a party; where I had the honour of waiting on my Lord George Murray, your Grace's Brother, who ordered me to wait on your Grace, and that you would send a party for raising my men, and assured me of your Grace and his own favour. I went to Dunkeld in order to have gone to Blair, but by misfortune I sickened, which obliged me to return home. I no sooner recovered than I desired all my Vassals & Tenants to make ready, otherwise I would put y<sup>e</sup> party on them, as there was one in y<sup>e</sup> Country from

<sup>(1)</sup> This Letter, which is inserted above, at p. 35, is dated the 29th.

your Grace at the time my Ouncle Mormount bailed to answer, under y<sup>e</sup> pain and penalty of twenty pound for each man that failed, how soon I would be ready; but how soon y<sup>e</sup> party was gone, they were all unwilling. Upon hearing your Grace was marched I followed after; but after I went to Edinburgh I learned your Grace was returned. The day before the Batle I spoke to Lord Nairn, who desired me to go to my Lord George of a new, your Grace being absent; but finding his Lordship was with y<sup>e</sup> Prince, I could not presume to demand access be reason of the hurry they were in, therefore went on with a relation of my own who commanded a Company in y<sup>e</sup> Duke of Perth his Regiment having transiently met with him; after y<sup>e</sup> engagement meeting with my Lord George he desired me to return to y<sup>e</sup> Country to wait on and attend your Grace; which order I have accordingly obeyed. I beg your Grace will send an order to the Commander of y<sup>e</sup> party here, or send an o<sup>yr</sup> to assist me in raising y<sup>e</sup> men who have deserted from Edin<sup>r</sup>, and such as have not gone forward, and unwilling to go. I reckon your Grace has been informed of my misfortouns, altho my Commission from y<sup>e</sup> Usurper is of date y<sup>e</sup> eight of June last, I never received but ten pounds, which I got for recruiting, and is all exhausted; and my Lord George desired me to apply to M<sup>r</sup>. Mercer for subsistance to myself and men. I expect your Grace will honour me with an answer, and am, with y<sup>e</sup> greatest respect,

MY LORD DUKE,

Your Grace's most faithfull, most  
obedient, and very humble Servant,  
DAN. SPALDING.

ASHIN, *Sept<sup>r</sup>. 30<sup>th</sup>*, 1745.

I beg your Grace will excuse paper; and believe I have been misrepresented to your Grace. I wish my accusers and I were in your Grace's presence at y<sup>e</sup> same time, I would think it the best opportunity to vindicate myself I could have.

## XXXVII.

FRASER OF FOYERS TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DUKE,

I am juſt now honoured with your Grace's exceeding kind letter of the 25th current, being a reſpect put on me more than I challenged, by not giving obedience to his Royal Highneſs' firſt call, which I was ready to do with all my pith, (ill provided as I was,) had I not been ſtopt by my chief, Lovat, who aſſured me he was to raiſe his name with all expedition to join his Royal Highneſs, and that his name ſhould go together he judged more proper.

But now, whither Lord Lovat move or not, I ſhall gather my people with all expedition, and ſett out from here the 5th of O&tober next, in order to join your Grace.

If I underſtand that Lord Lovat will be ready againe the eight, or ſome few days thereafter, I ſhall not ſay but it will be convenient for me to wait him, of this I ſhall adviſe your Grace.

There is one thing occurs to me, that is, the want of armes, of which I expect to be ſupplied how ſoon I come to Atholl.

With the greateſt eſteem, I am,

MY LORD DUKE,

Your Grace's moſt obedient  
and humble Servant,

JAMES FRASER.

FOYERS, 30<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>. 1745.

## XXXVIII.

DR. COLVILL TO JAMES SCOTT.

SIR,

There are a conſiderable number of priſoners under the care of Shian, who are expected at Logiereat to-morrow evening, and are to be

put in safe custody somewhere in this country. Upon receipt of this, his Grace desires you'll immediately get horses and send up ten bolls meal to Logiereat, to be delivered to James Robertson, officer there, who is to give his receipt for it.

The island in the Loch of Clunie is thocht to be the properest place for the abode of the prisoners, and, therefore, his Grace has wrote the inclosed to the Earl of Airly, proprietor of y<sup>e</sup> island, to ask his concurrence in getting them accommodated there. His Grace, therefore, desires you'll forward y<sup>e</sup> inclosed by express to my Lord Airly; the express will call first at Auchterhouse, and, if he miss my Lord there, he is to go forward to Cortichie.

You are to send along with the meal half-a-stone candles, for the use of the guard.

You'll desire the express to call first at Drimmy and deliver Mr. Rattray's letter, it will be little or nothing out of his way.

I am, &c.

To JAMES SCOTT.

1st October, 1745.

### XXXIX.

DR. COLVILL TO JAMES RATTRAY, YOUNGER OF RANYGULLION.

SIR,

My Lord Duke expected to have seen you here, as you promised, and, as his Grace wants to speak with you about business, I am, therefore, desired by his Grace to intreat you will, upon receipt of this, set out directly for Blair Castle. I offer my most humble service to your Lady, and am with great Truth, &c.

To JAMES RATTRAY, *You<sup>r</sup> of Ranygullion.*

1<sup>st</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1745.

## XL.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO THE EARL OF AIRLY.

MY LORD,

The Prince has sent a considerable number of his prisoners from the battle of Gladsnuir into these parts. Every body thinks the safest and most convenient place they can be kept in is your Lordship's island in the Loch of Clunie, not far from Dunkeld, from whence provisions and necessary orders may be easily sent, for taking care of such a troublesome and dangerous set of people as they are; and for the preventing any bad consequences from such turbulent dispositions, all friends to our king and country are fully persuaded you'll cheerfully incline to contribute whatever is reasonably possible for that end.

Therefor, I presume your Lordship will not only cheerfully make every thing be carefully prepared for their reception, but also contribute what's possible to prevent any dangerous mutiny or escape amongst them, being satisfied that none is more inclined towards contributing what's practicable for advancing our king and country's service, for which none of us ought to spare any pains or trouble. Counting on your Lo<sup>p</sup>'s assistance, I shall, with the utmost diligence, send people to prepare such quarters as are indispensibly necessary for these disloyal tho to be pity'd fellow subjects of,

MY LORD,

Your Lo<sup>p</sup>'s most humble and  
most obedient Servant,

BLAIR CASTLE, *October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1745.*

I beg your Lordship will excuse the not writing with my own hand, having really so much to do as renders it almost impossible.

## XLI.

INSTRUCTIONS BY THE DUKE OF ATHOLL REGARDING THE PRISONERS.

By WILLIAM DUKE OF ATHOLL, &c. Commander in Chief of his  
Majestic's Forces benorth the river of Forth :

THESE are requiring you, James Robertson of Killichangie, John Robertson Your of Eastertyre, and John Stewart in Kinnaird, to be aiding and assisting to James Robertson, officer at Logyreat, to provide barns and such other out houses in Logyrate as are fitt for quartering the prisoners that are coming from the Prince's army under Mr. Menzies of Shian's command, and to the providing beef and mutton for them, which I shall pay for; meall comes from Dunkeld to Logyrate, where they are expected to-morrow night. Shian will inform you how he used them on their march from the army, and you are to use them in the same manner, both as to their necessaries of life and their being stridly kept; Shian is to continue, with your assistance, to guard them, till others fitt for that piece of service be got against the beginning of next week: All which you are carefully to perform, as you will be answerable.—Given at Blair Castle, the first day of O&T. 1745.—You are to acquaint me next day after they arrive how they are provided for, and their exact number.

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 XLII.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO LADY GEORGE MURRAY.

MADAM,

Two days agoe I had the pleasure of your La<sup>y</sup>'s most agreeable letter, and delayed returning answer till now, hoping to been able to send you a deer at the same time that your servant returns; but, as in many

other things, I'm much disappointed, for I've but just found out this morning that several deers have been verry lately kill'd in the Forest and disposed of without my knowledge. However, if the season is not too far advanced, the first good deer that's kill'd shall be sent you.

The Letter your La<sup>p</sup> sent me from my Brother George, with some other accounts that I have from him, says little, but that there's about a thouf- and Dutch landed near Berwick; and that a speedy return is impatiently expected of the men from this country, who, it seems, in great numbers has unworthily return'd from Edin<sup>br</sup>. having unworthily left their Com- manders, as well as other true Countrymen there, which gives me, as well as every honest man here, no small trouble, besides the uneasiness we are in how to dispose of ane unworthy pack of prisoners that is sent us. Pray remember me in the most affectionat manner to your Loving children, having nothing further to add but that I shall ever be found with perfect esteem,

MADAM,

Your most affect Brother,  
and most humble Serv<sup>t</sup>,

BLAIR CASTLE, *October 1<sup>st</sup> 1745.*

My Lady Dowager of Nairne, and her two<sup>e</sup> youngest Daughters, who are here, fend your La<sup>p</sup> their most affect humble Service.

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### XLIII.

FRASER OF FOYERS TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DUKE,

After doing myself the honour of writing a return to your Grace's kind letter as a Testimony of my Intention to serve his Royall Highness, and to confirm the same, I've some time agoe acquainted the Bearer

Hugh Frazer, my near Relation, who serv'd for some time in the Ufurper's Service, to repair here with the men now along with him, as they were my people; and seeing that he has obey'd my Commands, and the men coming so well prepar'd, I've thought it convenient to order them off from here (as being so nigh the Garrison) to join your Grace, and to be dispos'd of as you think proper, till such time that I come up with the rest of my men to join them, which will be in terms of my last.

I thought to deprive the Enemys of so many men in Arms was a good office, and shall hope that your Grace will take it so. With the greatest Esteem and Regard,

I am,

MY LORD DUKE,

Your Grace's most faithfull  
humble Servant,

JAMES FRASER.

FOYERS, 1<sup>st</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1745.

#### XLIV.

##### LETTER FROM MR. SCOT'S SON TO HIS FATHER.<sup>(1)</sup>

1745.

Oct. 2 <sup>d</sup> .	24 yds. Broad White Italian Mantua, 7s. 6d.	£9	0	0
	48 yds. Silver Edged Ribbon, 9d.	1	16	0
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		£10	16	0
	36 yds. plain, 8d.	1	4	0
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		£12	0	0

EDIN<sup>h</sup>. 2<sup>d</sup> Oct. 1745.

DEAR SIR,

I rec<sup>d</sup> your's advising the Receipt of what was formerly sent:

<sup>(1)</sup> So quoted upon the back.



receive now 24 yds. more Mantua, and 48 yds. Silver Edged rib., with 36 yds. plain, which was all of the latter could be got in Town. You may send the pay<sup>t</sup> of both p. first sure hand, as it will come in good stead, and be obliging. I received a letter from Brother yesterday, he's very well, and anxious to hear about you; he's afraid the confusions in the North will prevent his failing so soon as he expected, wh<sup>h</sup> will throw him a little back; we are here in such confusion being threatned with Canon-ading from the Castle, that we don't mind news. The Castle has been firing upon the upper part of the Town all last night. Give my duty to all with you, and am, &c<sup>ccc</sup>.

Adieu.

Since writing I have rec<sup>d</sup> the contents of the above Acc<sup>t</sup> amounting to £12 St. from Mr. Murray, and have given him a receipt on the Back hereof for it.

*Edin<sup>r</sup> 2d October 1745.*—Received the within Twelve pounds Sterling from Mr. John Murray.

NAPIER & SCOTT.

To Mr. James Scot at Dunkeld, }  
with a bundle. }

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XLV.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO SPALDING OF ASHINTULLY.

SIR,

I received yours of the 30<sup>th</sup> of Sept<sup>r</sup> yeasterday; I am surprisid you left the Prince who, if necessary, would certainly given you a commiffion according to H. R. H. his declaration: Tho' I have been for some time in these parts without having the satisfiaction of seeing you, yet, for

your father's son there's nothing possible that's proper I wouldn't do ;  
 Therefore, must leave it to Glenkillrie to inform me of what you reasonably expect, which shall be accordingly performed by,

SIR,

Your most affect humble Serv<sup>t</sup>,

BLAIR CASTLE, *October 2<sup>nd</sup>*, 1745.

# XLVI.

LORD ROLLO TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DUKE,

I congratulate your Grace in coming to your own Cuntray, I would ere now weated on your Grace, but am not abell to make such a journey on horseback. My Wife joins me in our respectfull Compliments to your Grace, and begs the favor you would allow her near relation, Mr. Dunbar, prisoner, Ensign in Coll. Lie's Regiment, to stay heere, and I shall answer for him, which will veray much oblige,

MY D<sup>R</sup> LORD DUKE,

Your Grace's most Obediant  
 hu<sup>t</sup>. Ser<sup>t</sup>.

ROLLO.

DUNCRUB, *2<sup>nd</sup> Oct.* 1745.

# XLVII.

GEO. STIRLING TO DR. COLVILL.

DEAR SIR,

I was favoured with yours of the 30<sup>th</sup> inst, by Mr. Robertson, but was sorie I could not be so serviceable to him as I inclin'd, being confined

to the house with Rheumatick pains for some days; however, I sent for one who put on the method to get what monnie was got in of the Stent since Glenbucket left this place, for he carried all off he could rease, eather of Stent or Excise; but I suppose after this neather will be got, if a Governor be not appointed over that Countrie, and Parties sent with the proper Officers to collect it. The Excise and Custom-house Officers are returned, and will insult over the brewers, and make them pay up for a 2<sup>nd</sup> time their Excise. I mentioned to Mr. Mercer the appointing a Collector for the land tax, of which there's at least half a year due, which [will] come to monnie if reased all this side of Forth. Mr. Robertson has got £50 sterling, for which he's granted Jo. Carmichael of Beglie a receipt on the back of his Grace's order. Please offer my most humble dewtie to my Lord Duke, and believe wherein I can serve his Grace, or any employed in so just and good a Cause, none shall be more readie or willing than I, who am, with all Esteem,

DEAR SIR,

Your most humble Servant,

GEO. STIRLING.

PERTH, 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1745.

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XLVIII.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

ED<sup>n</sup>. 2<sup>d</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1745.

DEAR BROTHER,

I received your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> by John Murray, yesterday, as we were going to dinner. If I do not write so often as you would incline, I hope you'll excuse it, as I have had all along more business and duty to perform than came to the share of any one man. I have wrote you two

letters which you have not as yet acknowledged, one by Shian, the other by Kynachan; and as they could inform you of every transaction here, I thought it needless to be more particular, especially as I was hurry'd at the time. Sending off a person from the Field of Battle, who could tell you twenty things more fully than could be wrote, I judged better than fitting down in that confusion to scrawl two or three words (which, however, I did to my Wife, having a common letter-bearer only to send), but his being stopt by Glenbucket was what I could not foresee. I'm very glad my Wife made so good use of the few lines I sent her, since by that means you had the first news of the Battle.

I shew'd your letter to his Royal Highness, as well as the coppys of them you wrote to several of our Friends in the North, and both He, and St James Stewart, and the Prince's Secretary, approve exceedingly of them; and his Royal Highness desires you would write again to Clunie, the Macintoshes, and Frazers, and that you, in his Highness' name, order them up immediately, and that they are not to wait for others, nor for one another, but each of them come up with all possible expedition.

I have been as pressing about money to be sent you, both formerly and now, as if my life depended upon it. There is £300 sent at present, mostly in specie. You are desired to write to people in the country to advance money, particularly to Lady Methven, which if they do not immediately, their corns and other effects will be seized, &c.

There is a Commissary or Factor appointed here to remitt to the Prisoners, both the Officers at Perth and the common Soldiers at Loughierat, their pay; so that you are to have no trouble that way. The person is Mr Thomas Dundas, Merchant here, who I suppose will appoint Mr Jo. Anderson, Merchant at Perth for his Correspondent.

It is proposed to get in all the Pleat we can and coin shillings, for, besides the want of Cash in general, there is great penury of Silver. The Town of Glasgow have given L.5,500, what in Bank notes, Bills on London, and some Merchandise, &c.

For God's sake send up what men of your own people you can, and don't let them wait for any body else; and His Royal Highness desires, so

foon as the Frafers, Macintoshes, and McPherfons come up, that you would also yourself come in Person.

The Castle of Ed<sup>r</sup> fired a good deal last evening upon the out Sentinels and houses nixt them, as our people were firing to hinder people going in with provisions, but no great harm is done on either side. The Regular Troops that were at Berwick are gone South, and only left a garison of four Companys there. We hourly expect to hear from abroad. The money sent you just now is £100 in Bank notts, £100 in Leuidors, and £100 in Guineas. I would gladly have got £500, but it was not possible.

There is one Henderfon, who I send with John Murray; he can be of great use to you in erecting Girnells, either at Perth or in the country, and will obey what other orders you give him. He is one who can be very usefully imploy'd. I ever am,

Your Faithfull Humble Servant,

GEORGE MURRAY.

*Widenfday, 10 in the morning.*

Receive Aldie's Commiffion.

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## XLIX.

SECRETARY MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

Your Grace will easily imagine the hurry I have been in from our coming south, and especially since the battel, which was the only reason of my neglecting my duty in writting you. The Prince is waiting here with the greatest impatience for his friends joining him, not being able to proceed into England without a greater force; and, att the same time that there is nothing can so much hurt the Cause as a delay, the season is

advancing very fast, and, should we be obliged to stay much longer, the people of England will, by degrees, get the better of the consternation they are in; for which reasons the Prince desires your Grace will continue to use the same prudence you have hitherto taken to hasten up your neighbours, without letting one wait for the other. Lord George will write fully of every thing, which makes it needless for me to trouble your Grace with a long letter. And I am, with great regard,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most obed<sup>t</sup>. and  
most humble Servant,

J<sup>o</sup>. MURRAY.

HOLYROODHOUSE, Oct<sup>r</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> 24, 1745.

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LADY GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

I was honoured with your Grace's letter last night, and returns you many thanks for your kind intention in designing to have sent me a deer.

I had a letter from Lord George, dated on Tuesday, wherein he desires me to acquaint your Grace, "that the Governour of the Castle, &c. sent word that they were to fire upon the town, if they did not get provisions from that as formerly; upon which, the Prince, on Monday forenoon, allow'd a deputation of six of the most substantial people of Ed<sup>t</sup>. to go to the Castle, to expostulate about the threatening to cannonade the town, (and, as the town had no command of the military who possess'd it, they cou'd not conceive how such a threat cou'd be put in execution;) the generals in the Castle, (Preston and Guest,) at last returned

for answer that they wou'd allow time to the town to fend an exprefs to London to have thefe orders revok'd, and in the meantime the Caſtle wou'd not fire except they were attack'd.

"All the regular troops that were at Berwick, conſiſting of about 700 Dutch, and the few dragoons that Cope fav'd after the battle are march'd fouthward, ſo none remain in Berwick but four companys that formerly were there in Garifon. The London government are collecting all their forces, as it is imagin'd, to oppoſe any landing, which they ſeem now afraid of, and have given up this country entirely."

This bearer takes two mules, which were ſent to Blair ſome months ago, and came here tother day by themſelves, but, as your Grace may have uſe for them, they being very good drudges, I return them agen.

I hope your Grace will forgive this confus'd ſcral, I being in a hurry ſeting out to Arnhall, where I am to ſtay with my mother eight or ten days.

With the greateſt regard, I am,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's

Moſt affectionate ſiſter

and moſt humble Servant,

ÆMELIA MURRAY.

TULLIBARDIN, 3<sup>d</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1745.

I beg to make offer of my moſt humble duty to my Lady Nairn, with affectionate ſervice to her daughters.

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LI.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

*Edr. 3<sup>d</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1745.*

DEAR BROTHER,

I wrote to you fully yeſterday by John Murray, who alſo carried £300 ſterling for you, which I hope has come ſafe to hand.

I now write you this by the Viscount of Strathallan and Gask, whom his Royal Highness has appointed Governor and Depute-Governor of Perth, to take care of the Government, civil and military there, and in the whole Shire under your directions, as long as you stay in the Country, and to command in chief in your absence, for which you can give his Lo<sup>p</sup> a Commission when you leave the Country.

It will be proper you meet with L<sup>d</sup> Strathallan as soon as you can, to concert every thing that is proper for the good and advantage of the Service, and that every thing be conducted with order and regularity in the Country; for every body agree with his Royal Highness that it is absolutely necessary a Person of weight, and distinction, and character, should be left behind after you come away. His Highness further desires you may let my Lord Strathallan have a company compleat of 60 men, with Captain, Lieutenant, and Ensign, to continue at Perth under his Lo<sup>p</sup>'s immediate orders, and who are to be regularly pay'd. The Duke of Perth is to appoint another Company in the same manner, so that there will be in all 120 men, besides Officers, which indeed is as few as can well be.

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## LII.

LADY OGILVY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DUKE,

I read your Grace's letter to my Lord Airly, my Father, in his absence; and as for the House of Cluny, within the Loch, it is at his Royal Highness the Prince's Service; I assure your Grace you may command it. The preacher at Cluny has the Keys of the House, and he consequently must be taken prisoner or he deliver them.—I am,

MY LORD DUKE,

Your Grace's most Humble Servant,

ELIZ. OGILVY.

AUCHTERHOUSE, Oct<sup>r</sup>. 3<sup>d</sup> 1745.



## LIII.

JAMES SCOT TO DR. COLVILL.

HON. SIR,

The Bearer, James Robertson, a mason in this place, who was out with my Lord Duke in the 15, is the man I sent out with Mr. Stewart and Peter McInnes, to inspect the pool of Cluny; and as there is a hut to be built on the Loch side for a guard-house, as he is well acquainted in the place, he may be a very proper hand for getting it done, and will also be a fit person to be trusted, if it be his Grace's pleasure, with some post in the Guard.

I obeyed your order in sending the ten bolls meal, and half-stone candles, to Logyreat, and desired Bohespick to tell you that yesterday arriv'd here 2 officers and 32 men from Glenfhee, to whom I gave 2 guineas for their subsistence, till they received his Grace's orders; they also told me, that last night or this day the party from Strathardle would be here, and yet (11 at night) there is no account of them, and lest they also might have a demand for money, I took ten pounds from Bohespick, for which I gave receipt.

David Laird has sent in here this evening, 8 guns, (which want very much to be in the hands of the gunsmith,) some old swords and pistols, for which I'm to send for the Smith in the morning.

We have as yet had no collection, but as it is a quarterly one, when all the Compounders should pay their quarter's Excise, I wish my Lord Duke would appoint a day against which the several Officers might be ordered to summon in all the Compounders in their respective divisions, if they'll expect their Salaries; and that every man should bring with him their last receipts, q<sup>ch</sup> commonly shows the arrears, and in case the Officer's books cannot be had, the former receipt may serve to regulate their next payments; and because there is no Excise Officer in Ruffle, his Grace's Officer here may Summon such as uses to pay their Excise in this place,

where a man of fame authority may be appointed to collect; there will be some arrears for Malt, the Duty of which cannot be taken off without an Act of Parliam<sup>t</sup>. Mr. Crook is here on his way to Blair; I'm glad my Lord Duke has 2 such sufficient men about him as Dr. Colvill and Crook, but small use may his Grace have for either of you; may God long preserve and prosper him. I suppose you'll mind Lord George's health tomorrow, when he enters into his 52 year, I hear his Lady had an entertainment prepared for 84 captive Officers, but only 16 call'd.

The Express I sent to the E. of Airly is not yet return'd. I have got a severe cold and excessive cough, but while I am able to stir you'll ever find me,

DEAR DOCTOR,

Your much obliged and  
very grateful Servant,

JA : SCOTT.

*Oct. 3<sup>d</sup>.*

I long much to hear good news of the Clans.

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LIV.

STEWART OF KYNACHAN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

I send your Grace James Darling, Merch<sup>t</sup> to be kept in safe custody, and free from any Correspondence. I am inform'd that he is a subtle dangerous fellow, and has been in a constant course of corresponding with some of his R. Highness's Enemies, which I shall acquaint your Grace more fully of when I have the honour to wait of you at Blair Castle, which, if I am not otherwise ordered, I hope may be Saturday or

Sunday att farthest. I have sent one Alex<sup>r</sup>. Duff alongs with the party that attends Darling, that he may acquaint your Grace of all those that have either deserted or stay'd att home in the Bishoprick, that they may instantly be raised; this same Duff will be very useful in putting this in Execution. I have the honour to be, with the utmost Esteem and sincerity,

MY LORD,

You Grace's most obed<sup>t</sup> humble Serv<sup>t</sup>,

DAVID STEWART.

PERTH, 3<sup>d</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1745.

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LV.

ROBERTSON OF KILLICHANGY TO MR. MERCER OF ALDIE.

SIR,

Mr. Menzies of Shian arrived here yesterday afternoon about fix, with one hundred and thirteen prisoners. So soon as he delivered them, he said, his party was much fatigued, and would take no farther charge of them; upon which I reased all the men in the Barrony of Ballnagaird, and mounted Guard upon the Prisoners. But as we have no arms, it's expected His Grace will supply us immediately with Arms. Shian gave the prisoners on their march a halfpenny roll, and a chapine ale to each man Morning and Evening, and I have ordered the Brewers in this town to make meat for the prisoners, and have given a lippie of meal and a chapine ale for each man per day; I kill'd neither Beef nor Mutton for them till his Grace's further orders, which I expect by this bearer, with particular orders what men I shall raise to mount Guard while here. This

you'll please communicate to His Grace, and Dispatch and pay the Expresses as soon as possible. I am,

SIR,

Your most humble Servant,

JA : ROBERTSON.

LOGYREAT, 3<sup>d</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1745.

The prisoners are kept in the Court house, but as all the windows are very large without Grates, it's a very insecure prison.

SIR,

It was late last night before I came home, but I sent my Son and all my men to assist Ballnagaird's men. The above was written before I came here: all I have to add is, to send us any Arms you can spare. I ever am,

SIR,

Your most humble Servant,

JA : ROBERTSON of Killichangy.

## LVI.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO ROBERTSON OF KILLICHANGY.

SIR,

Two hours agoe I saw yours to Mr Mercer, and am satisfied with your conduct hitherto. You are to give each of the Prisoners at the rate of two pecks of meal a-week, out of the meal that came from Dunkeld, which James Robertson, the officer, has, and a penny a-day to each of them, to be disposed by them for drink, or how they will.

The bearer, Mr Frazer, has twenty-two men fully arm'd; you are to

raise 40 more, with such arms as can be got for them. Thirty men are sufficient to mount guard at a time, and these are to be fully arm'd out of the whole.

Receive five pounds to pay the prisoners their penny a-day, and your 40 men at the rate of two shillings a-week and a peck oatmeal, which you are compt for. Mr. Frazer has money to pay his men, and you are to give them meal, as they shall demand, on his receipt. If there's any thing els necessary for the prisoners subsistence, furnish it, and it shall be allowed by,

SIR,

Your affec<sup>t</sup> humble Serv<sup>t</sup>.

BLAIR CASTLE, Oct<sup>r</sup>. 3<sup>d</sup> 1745.

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LVII.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO NEILL M<sup>c</sup>GLASHAN, SECRETARY TO THE  
DUKE OF ATHOLL.

EDIN<sup>r</sup>. 4<sup>th</sup> October, 1745.

SIR,

I wrote to my Brother yesterday by my Lord Strathallan and Gask, to which I refer. I'm extreamly anxious to have our men here, at least as many as would make Lord Nairn's Battalion and mine five hundred each, for at present I cou'd get them supply'd with Guns, Targets, Tents, and, those who want them, shoes also; but if they be not here soon, them that come first will be first served; so you will represent to y<sup>e</sup> Duke of Atholl of what consequence it is for his men to be here immediatly; how far he will judge it proper for himself to come, he knows that best; But if y<sup>e</sup> Clans be coming up, it is thought that his staying in Atholl will prevail with them to hasten their march; but, as I said before, this must intirely be determined by himself.

I should think Glenkildrie would be a very proper person to be at Perth with Lord Strathallan, as he cou'd be assistant in bringing and keeping men there, except the Duke of Athol thought it more proper to keep him at Logierate, where certainly there must be a Guard, and some person appoint'd who will have y<sup>e</sup> charge of y<sup>e</sup> Country as well as the prisoners there; my only objection is that I am affraid that Glenkildrie, as he's old, has not activity enough for such a Command. How far Mr Mercer of Aldie would incline to take the Government of y<sup>e</sup> Country of Atholl in y<sup>e</sup> Duke of Atholl's absence, must be left to his Grace and him to determine. I shall be exceeding impatient till our men come, for I'm perswaded that Fascally and Kinichan will be as Diligent in that service as possible under my Brother's Directions. I have nothing more to add, but that I am,

SIR,

Your most humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

GEORGE MURRAY.

P.S.—John Anderfon, Merchant at Perth, has orders for supporting the Officers at Perth, and y<sup>e</sup> Soldiers at Logierate in their pay.

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LVIII.

GEO. STIRLING TO DR. COLVILL.

DEAR SIR,

In obedience to yours of the 1<sup>st</sup> Curr<sup>t</sup>. I've cawed cuffer the Chaife with a head that at pleasure will fall back; it's made as tight and light as possible. The Coachmaker has done nothing since it cam but fitting it, and it was not possible to have it sooner done; he's wrought night and day. The horse Dick is mended, one acc<sup>t</sup> of both you have inclosed. The Express I sent Sunday last to Mr Mercer got only 3s. St: from Mr McClashen; the ordenary is twopence a-mile, I must make it good, or I

will not get any to travell. I wrot you by M<sup>r</sup> Robertson of Bonhefpick, what further I thought necessary. There's no furvieing the ale, &c., as the only Excise Officer offered to serve the Prince, and gave in his books when M<sup>r</sup> Mercer was here, (M<sup>r</sup> Moncrife), and assisted and derefted how to raise the Dewties, when Glenbucket was here was neglected, and his 6 weeks fellery refused him, wherefore he has never acted since, so I think my Lord Duke should send him one order to officiate, and payment for his passed Sellery, with a small reward for his readiness to serve. There's likewise some thing to be allowed the Muye Officers who are employed in bringing in Carrige horses, and many other things; both these may be payed out of the Stent of this place that is paying in, w<sup>ch</sup> will not be a great deal more than will do this and pay the Collector; but if those things be not done the Prince will not be well served, for those Creatures have nothing else to maintain them. The Gager Moncrife's name is Thomas, his Sellerie is £35 & Ann:

The Muye Officers demands is about threitie sh: Ster: and very little considering the pains and trouble they have been at. My Lord Duke should wrot an order to M<sup>r</sup> Stewart of Garth, left here with the Prisoners, to clear w<sup>t</sup> Jo: Carmichall of Beglie, the Collector of the Stent, and to pay all those things, with his aun Sellerie, and take up the remender, we shall get him assisted in doing this.

Please offer my most humble Dewtie to my Lord Duke, and wherein further I can be use or servicable to his Grace or you, non shall be readier y<sup>n</sup> he who with much esteem am,

DEAR SIR,

Your very humble obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

GEO. STIRLING.

PERTH, 4<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1745, 11 forenoon.

## LIX.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

Ed<sup>a</sup>. 4<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1745,  
*Frieday, seven in the morning.*

D<sup>a</sup>. BROTHER,

I am defird to let you know that there is one Kimber, an Anabaptist, who came from London with a design to assassinate the Prince; he is about 27 years old, black hair, of a midling stature, talks fluently and bluntly about his Travels in the West Indys. It is wrote that he dined the 20<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> with you, and got a pass from you; he has readily changed his name, and perhaps cutt his hair. Last night, one was taken up here, by the name of Jeffrys, who possibly is the same person. Let us know, as soon as possible, if any person that can answer the above description dined with you the 20<sup>th</sup> and gott a pass, or any other stranger. For God's sake send up your men, that at least Ld: Nairn's Batalion and mine may be 500 each. If they come soon, I will get every thing for them. I refer you to what I have wrote farther to M<sup>r</sup> Neighle M<sup>c</sup>Glashen. I ever am,

DEAR BROTHER,

Most affectionatly yours,

GEORGE MURRAY.

## LX.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

Ed<sup>a</sup>. 4<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1745, *four afternoon.*

D<sup>a</sup>. BROTHER,

I wrote to you this morning, & I now send this express to let you know that it is resolv'd in a Council of War to march Southwards Thurf-



day the 10<sup>th</sup>. I believe we will not make quick marches for some days after that ; but I conjure you let your Atholl men be with us at or before that time, that I may see every thing got right for them as far as it is in my power. If you come not yourself I intreat you to dispatch Keynachan, Fascahy, &c. with the men. Adieu.

Yours,

GEORGE MURRAY.

LXI.

LADY GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

The enclos'd from your Brother has this moment come to my hands. I received a Letter from him about an hour ago, which is dated this morning, wherein he orders me to send an Express to your Grace about your men coming up ; and his words are : " I intreat for God's sake that the Duke of Atholl send off the men here immediately, or they will be too late for Arms, Targets, Tents, &c., nay, for our march, which begins on Thursday."

He also says, " That the Castle of Edr, under the protection of their cannon, made a Lodgement last night at the reservoir of water. I was there for three hours ; and believes, as the Castle seem resolv'd not to spare the town, (for they burnt two houses above the reservoir last night) they will by degrees make the Highlanders retire from all above the Weigh house, except these last would risk some of their men, which is thought not expedient to venture them against common soldiers supported by Cannon, &c. They have lost none as yet ; only some Volunteers, day before yesterday, were surpriz'd near the West kirk."

Lord Strathallan and Gask came from Edr yesterday, & I hear they are

to stay moftly at Perth. There is a report in this country of fix thoufand Spainards being landed in England, & fome French in Scotland. I pray God this news may prove true; but alas it wants confirmation. I find that I'll be oblig'd to return to Tullibardin on Munday; fo hopes that when your Grace comes down the Country I fhall have the happynefs of feeing you there. I ever am, with the greateft regard,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's moft affectionate Sifter,  
and moft humble Servant,

ÆMILIA MURRAY.

ARNHALL, 5<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>,  
*Ten at night.*

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LXII.

SIR PATRICK MURRAY TO DAVID STEWART OF KYNACHIN.

D<sup>R</sup>. DAVIE,

I received yours this night, a litle after eight of the Cloack at night, and a letter from M<sup>r</sup>. Mercer of Aldie; Gask likewise received his letter. I return you moft hearty thanks, and am quite fenceable that Davie Stewart is Davie Stewart, let fortune whille about as it pleafes; neither Jamie Farquharfon or I have any horfeſs here; but you may be affured that we'll contrive to waite of the Duke Munday or Tueſday at fartheſt, (if horfeſs can't be got we'll foot it). Pleaſe make my compliments to M<sup>r</sup>. Mercer, and return him thanks for his kind letter to Jamie & me. Gask, how ſoon Faſkily relives him, will ſet out from this, and obey your orders with all the expedition poſſible. I ever am,

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Yours,

PAT: MURRAY.

PERTH, 5<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1745.

## LXIII.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO LADY GEORGE MURRAY.

MADAM,

I can't say how much Satisfaction and Pleasure your Ladyship's most distinct Letters give me; I received several very agreeable Letters from my Bro<sup>r</sup> George, at the same time I had the last you sent me from him; by all of them I find the Prince is, with much Reason, very desirous to have his Troups which are in these parts soon with him. I am well inform'd the Northern Clans are now coming up; and after much Pains and Trouble, I hope, in a day or two we shall march to Perth with a considerable number of men out of this Country, in our way to join his Royal Highness.

There is one of my Bro<sup>r</sup> James's Favorites call'd Commissary Bisset, who I was kind to, yet has acted a most unworthy Part, & is a very dangerous as well as disagreeable Person to all Honest People in this Shire, besides being odious to all in the Royal Army: I am told he has been running about sowing seditious & Rebellious Sentiments every where; at last 'tis said he is gone to Stirling, with design to do mischief, by the assistance of that Garison. As he may be sculking backwards and forwards the better to execute his base Designs, since your La<sup>p</sup> says you will be some days near that place, if any body about you could be employed to get certain accounts of his motions, so that he might be apprehended & safely secur'd, it would be a singular service done both to our King & Country. I have again detained your Servant a day or two, Fintry having made me every minute expect a Deer, which should have been sent your La<sup>p</sup> some time ago, tho' hitherto to no purpose; as soon as it arrives, you may be sure it shall be directly despatched with an Express.

I thank you kindly for the two mules you sent me, which will be very

usefull, for I am much at a los for want of both riding & carriage Horses.  
I am, with perfect Esteem and regard, for ever,

MADAM,

Your Ladyship's most affectionate Brother,  
and most humble Servant,

BLAIR CASTLE, 6<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1745.

To LADY GEORGE MURRAY.

Memorand.—That Mr. D——y was still buſſied in goeing about the town of Perth propogateing news of landing of Dutch troups to intimidate people from riſeing or continueing in the Pr——'s ſervice.

Item, he was, Friday and Saturday the 27 & 28 of Septr. about Strathmiglio, and Abernethy, and Bridge of Earn, in company with Thomas Biſſet of Glenalbert, and on Monday the 2<sup>d</sup>. of O&ob<sup>r</sup>. was at Dunkeld as a ſpy & intelligencer, &c.

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#### LXIV.

LORD STRATHALLAN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

I have ſent by this Expreſs the incloſed from your Brother Lord George Murray, by which your Grace will know his Royall Highneſs pleaſure with regard to me, and of your giving a Company of your men to ly at Perth; this makes me deſire to know when and at what place I ſhall waite upon your Grace, to receive your commands. I am, with the utmoſt eſteem and regard,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's moſt faithful  
and obedient humble Servant,

STRATHALLAN.

MACHANY, Oct<sup>r</sup>. 6<sup>th</sup> 1745.

## LXV.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO LORD STRATHALLAN.

MY LORD,

Late this night I had the honour of your Lo<sup>p</sup>'s. I hope to be againſt Wedneſday or Thurſday at fartheſt in Perth, ſo hopes to have the pleaſure of ſeeing you there. In the mean time I am, with perfect eſteem and regard,

MY LORD,

Your moſt humble and  
moſt obedient Servant.

BLAIR CASTLE, 7 Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1745.

Pray, my Lord, give my moſt affectionate humble ſervice to my cuſin the Viſcounteſs of Strathallan.

## LXVI.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO THE LAIRD OF MACKINTOSH.

BL. CASTLE, Oct<sup>r</sup>. 7<sup>th</sup> 1745.

SIR,

It was with the outmoſt Joy I heard you had abandoned the Uſurper, to Joyn in reſtoring the King at the Head of your numerous Clan, that has ever been loyally inclined. I ſhall be extreamly glad to ſee them make a greater figure than ever under you, to whom I am ſo nearly allyied. I had an expreſs laſt night, telling me the Prince was to leave Ed<sup>g</sup>h ſoon, by which he orders me to march with the utmoſt expedition, and bring all the men I cou'd with me. As Clunie and you are the two who are neareſt me, I earneſtly deſire you will march with the outmoſt expedition to Joyn us before we croaſs the Forth, for which reaſon I leave this to-morow in my way to Perth. I make no doubt but

you will be uneasie to think you are still behind the Prince, whilst your duty and ardour for the King and Country's cause want your Presence. I expect to see your brother-in-law, Mr. Farquharson, this night or to-morrow, having wrote for him and Sir Patrick Murray to be with me. Pray make my affectionate compliments to your Lady, who I wish cou'd come alongest with you so far as to see her Relations in Perthshire.

I am, with the utmost esteem,

SIR,

LXVII.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO CLUNIE MACPHERSON.

B. C. Oct<sup>r</sup>. 7<sup>th</sup> 1745.

SIR,

I had an express last night by his Highness's order, telling me he intended to leave Ed<sup>g</sup>h soon, therefor Orders me to Joyn him with all Expedition, which makes me send this to acquaint you I am to march hence to-morrow with what men I have ready by Dunkeld, that I may be with his Highness as soon as possible; and, as I doubt not you are ready, desire you will march immediatly without waiting of any bodie whatsoever, and if possible Joyn me at crossing the Forth, or sooner. I hope also Mackintosh will be with us, to whom I have also wrote. As to those who are not come your length, they must follow as they best can. How unluckie shou'd we think ourselves if still behind our young Master, while he is exposing himselfe no less for our Liberty than his own just Right. I am, with perfect esteem,

SIR,

## LXVIII.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO LORD GEORGE MURRAY.

BROTHER GEORGE,

Within these few days I have had the satisfaction to receive several very plain and distinct Letters from you, which are mighty kind and obliging, but being all of them much to the same purpose, they may be answered in the fewer words. In the first place, I have received £200 by Shian, and £300 more from John Murray, all which, with what I have formerly received, or whatever else comes to my hands, shall be carefully, and with the utmost exactitude, laid out for his Royal Highness's Service. As for the Lady Methven, and others to whom I was addressed for money, I can't find out any reasonable Methods how to make her or them contribute effectually for the publick Service. You write to me a terrible account of one Kimber, who came from London with a most horrid design against the Prince's person. I nor any body with me knows not what he is, nor never heard of any such, nor has any unknown person dined with me, much less got a pass upon any account whatever. About ten o'clock last night, I received your express, dated the 4<sup>th</sup>, 4 o'clock afternoon, and am very much concerned to find that it is morally impossible for me, or any of the men in these parts, to be up with you against Thursday night, the Day you say It is resolved in a Council of War to March Southward. Did any of us endeavour to make too much haste to join the Prince, I am afraid we would be too like a good Milk Cow, that gives a great Pail of Milk, and after kicks it down with her foot. Forgive the comparison. As we are stated here, should any absolutely endeavour to force a march forward before men can be regularly brought up, we would certainly lose the fruit of all the pains and trouble has hitherto been taken. Nobody but people on the spot knows the almost insurmountable Difficulties we have had to struggle with, which must unavoidably hinder such a sudden junction, as you imagine, of the Prince's faithful wellwishers. Therefore,

all that I can say further for your satisfaction is, That if his Royal Highness's Army Marches Southward against the time you write me, should he be pleased to leave with a sufficient guard on the road, Arms, Ammunition, Tents, Money, &c., I may safely say a considerable body of men are now ready to follow him, not only from these parts, but also from the North. I hope in a few days they will not be far from his Camp, since, with the best inclinations imaginable, they are not able to be with his Army before his Royal Highness sets out from Edinburgh, and then I shall fully demonstrate it was absolutely impracticable for me to perform any thing more than I have done towards materially advancing our Master's Interest and Service. Which, with my most humble duty, I beg you'll be so good as to let his Royal Highness know in the most reasonable manner, Whereby you will infinitely oblige,

DEAR BROTHER,

Your most affectionate Brother,  
and humble Servant.

BLAIR CASTLE, 7<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>,  
3 o'clock in the morning, 1745.

As formerly, I hope you will excuse the not writing with my own hand, for my continual occupation renders it almost impossible.

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LXIX.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO LORD GLENORCHY.

MY LORD,

Since his Royal Highness, our young Master, passed through this Country, I hardly had the honour to see him, being still employed for the publick Service in these parts, therefor knows not in what manner you



have paid your duty to him. In which uncertainty hearing you have been convening your men, as I am perswaded for no other end than to quickly wait with them on your Prince, according to the dutiful example of your Predecessors, particularly your Lo<sup>p</sup>'s Grandfather, who told me, when speaking to him about his following, that he had no men, for, said my Cousin, the venerable old Earl, I have no men, these whom I am particularly concerned with belong to the King, and therefor will always faithfully serve his Majesty in so far as I have any interest among them. I presume at present your Lo<sup>p</sup> does not degenerate from his loyal and honest principles. On such a Supposition, being left by the Prince Commander in chief of his Majesty's forces benorth the River Forth, this is desiring you'll please let me know if your Lo<sup>p</sup> can be ready in a few days to agreeably meet your friends, who will soon pass the Forth in our way to join the Royal Standard. You see, by a wonderful chain of success, God and the nation has declared for his Royal Highness;—be, my Lord, amongst the first to valuably congratulate him on such a blessed occasion, whereby you will gain the Esteem and affection of those who are disinterested Lovers of Truth and Justice, which for ever will endear you to,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's most affectionate Cousin,  
and most humble Servant,

BLAIR CASTLE, 7<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>, 1745.

I beg your Lo<sup>p</sup> will forgive the not writing with my own hand, for my continual occupation renders it almost impossible.

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LXX.

MR. SHERIDAN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DUKE OF ATHOLE,

Having fortunatly arrived at Monrofs yesterday with a frigate from Dunkirque loaded with armes, amunition, & some mony for his Royal

Hyghefs, we unloaded all, & has lodged them at Brechin, under the care of Mr. Brown, and two gentlemen we met at Monrofs, who is raising a company for y<sup>e</sup> Service; fearing lest y<sup>e</sup> men of war that lyes in y<sup>e</sup> firth fhud have an account of this Imbarkment, I make bold to addrefs you this, hoping your Grace will fend a ftrong detachment to efkort faid armes and amunition to y<sup>e</sup> Camp. Mr. Brown will remaine at Brechin untill your Grace's detachment arrives there. This Armement has been fent undre the care of a French gentleman, who has left all in y<sup>e</sup> care of Mr. Brown. He fends a lettre inclofed with this, acquainting faid Brown of this Expedition. I expected to have y<sup>e</sup> honnour of delivering this meffage myfelf, but this French gentleman is unwell, fo is obliged to fend by an Exprefs, which I would willingly doe myfelf, having y<sup>e</sup> honnour of being known to your Grace fince before y<sup>e</sup> Combat of the Elefebath man of war.

I am, with refpect,

Y<sup>r</sup>. Grace's moft obedient Serv<sup>t</sup>.

MIC: SHERIDAN.

COUPAR, Oct<sup>r</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1745.

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LXXI.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO LORD LOVAT.

MY LORD,

This morning I had the honour to receive a meffage by Mr. Frafer, with your Lop's moft agreeable refolution of quickly fending up your following, and the Mr. of Lovat, to join His Royal Highnefs, who will be extremely fatiffied to hear of the care you are taking to gett all your neighbours to follow without further lofs of time. I need add nothing to the inclofed copy of the Letter from that Gentleman who is juft arriv'd from France, but that all poffible endeavours fhall be uf'd to get whatever can

be spar'd of the Arms, Ammunition, &c. sent to Blair Castle, which is the neareft and fafeft place they fhall wait, where the men from the north fhall have provifions waiting for them, with what other dire&tions may be further neceffary, which the Vifcount of Strathallan and Gask will tranfmitt, who are left to take care of the King's intereft in thofe parts. All I can add farther is to beg your Lo<sup>p</sup> will ftill continue to recommend defpatch and unanimity amongft your neighbours for advancing fo good a caufe as the fafety of our King and country, which in a great meafure depends on you.

I am, with all poffible efteem,

MY LORD,

Your moft humble and moft obedient  
Serv<sup>t</sup>

MILNEARN, 9<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1745.

The Prince will be very fenfible, as well as I am, of your Lo<sup>p</sup>'s forwardnefs to ferve him, by your having particularly contributed towards Clunie's speedy march; who I hear will join us in a day or two. I'm forry to hear your Lo<sup>p</sup>'s indifpofition, as well as years, is the only thing can prevent your waiting on the Prince in perfon.

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LXXII.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO CLUNIE M<sup>C</sup>IPHERSON.

MILNEARN, Oct<sup>r</sup>. 9<sup>th</sup>, 1745.

SIR,

After coming this length, I find y<sup>e</sup> backwardnefs of the men's rifting is much, if not altogether, owing to the irrefolutenefs of the Gentlemen; wherfor I fee it's abfolutely neceffary you bring the Gentlemen as well

as the commons up with you without distinction, except such as you'll see have my power of staying at home to take care of the Country. You can very well assure them you are positively required not to part with them.

Just as this is writing, I got letters with the good news from a gentleman who came in a ship from France with arms, amunition, and money, which is presently lying as near us as we could desire, so that we want nothing but men to carry arms; wherefor I intreat you'll make all possible haste up, that we may go together over Forth, and by all means bring the whole people with you without reserve, except as above. You'll get meal as much as you want till you come to Dunkeld, where you'll get more. Patrick Mackglashan will give the meal at Blair. I send off this day a party to escort the arms, &c.; this you may assure all your friends of.—I need say no more, but leaves it to your prudent management, only begs dispatch.

I am, &c.

My baggage being gone on to Dunkeld, excuse my writing on such a foul scrape of paper as I found here on the road.

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### LXXIII.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO MR. SHERIDAN.

SIR,

This minute I received your most agreeable and valuable letter of yesterday's date, and have sent orders to a detachment to escort the arms. The Prince has in his camp spare arms, &c., it's chiefly in these parts they are first wanted, with a full account of your present situation, that we may take the best measures can be thought of for the immediate advancing the King's service to H. R. H. Therefor intreats to have the pleasure of seeing you at Dunkeld so soon as possible after the receipt of this, where the bearer, Mr. Rattrey, will, without loss of time, conduct

you; so, hoping to quickly meet with you, I shall add nothing farther here, being, with perfect esteem,

SIR,

MOULINARN, half way on my road  
from Blair to Dunkeld,  
9th October, 1745.

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LXXIV.

SECRETARY MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

Having this opportunity, his Royal Highness orders me to acquaint your Grace that he desires you may gett all the men together you can and join the army without delay, being determined to stay here as short time as possible. There is a rumour that a ship with arms are landed at Montrose, which has occasioned his sending Mr. Oliphant with orders that Gask shall take care to have them sent carefully hither, and give what shall be found necessary for your people, and desires your Grace will be aware that they don't leave any behind on account of this supply.

I am, with great regard,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most obed<sup>t</sup>. and  
most humble Serv<sup>t</sup>.

J<sup>o</sup>. MURRAY.

HOLYROODHOUSE,  
Oct<sup>r</sup>. 9<sup>th</sup>, 1745.

## LXXV.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

ED<sup>n</sup>. 9<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1745.

DR. BROTHER,

I am vastly impatient for your coming up, at least the men and officers. Once more, for God's sake, cause make all the heart in your power, for the success of our cause depends upon expedition. I have no more time but to tell you his R. H. depends much upon your diligence upon this occasion, and bids me say he is very sensible of your having done already more than could be expected, all circumstances consider'd.

I ever am,

Your faithful Servant,

GEORGE MURRAY.

## LXXVI.

SIR THOMAS SHERIDAN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

His Royal Highness orders me to acquaint y<sup>r</sup>. Grace that he has thought fit to grant liberty to two of y<sup>e</sup> Prisoners now in y<sup>r</sup>. Country, viz<sup>t</sup>. to George Muschet, Dragoon in Gardiner's Regiment, and William Laxeet Collier, a Soldier in Lascelles Regiment, upon condition they swear never more to bear arms against him; and this, with his best compliments, he desires you would order to be done. I take with pleasure

this opportunity to assure y<sup>r</sup>. Grace of the respect and sincerity with which I have the honour to be,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most humble  
and most obedient Servant,

HOLYROODHOUSE, Oct<sup>r</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup>. 1745.

THO. SHERIDAN.

LXXVII.

ROBERTSON OF STROWAN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY EVER HONOURED DUKE,

I have the happyness to know your Grace these many years, therefore am convinced of its nice Integrity; and that you are not capable of forgetting services tho' but indeavour'd to be done to you. I am order'd by the Prince to this Country to carry all my Tenants and Followers to the Camp; Sir George Robertson is one of the latter, whose Father Faskeilly was made Knight and Baronet, for his early rising for the King under my command in the year 15. I am perswaded if your Grace had known this remarkable Fact, you had thought it Just to have left the raising that Gentleman and his men to one who you know is entirely at your Service. I also hope your Grace will give me some help of a little money in this criticall conjuncture, for I never was in greater want; and I cannot but let you know, that your Brother and the rest of your Friends at Rome allow'd your Bill many years ago to be protested, tho' some of them reaped the benefit of, while the final service was done to Him whose faithfull servant I am,

AL<sup>R</sup>. ROBERTSON OF STROWAN.

CARIE, Oct<sup>r</sup>. 9<sup>th</sup>. 1745.

I ask not all at once, but in parcels as can be spair'd, tho' I never was poorer in any Country.

## LXXVIII.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO LORD ROLLO.

MY LORD,

I had not the honour of your Lo<sup>p</sup>'s, dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst<sup>t</sup> till yesterday on my way hither from Blair. Were it possible I should wait on you to return my hearty thanks for your kind congratulation on my return to Britain. Pray, my Lord, give my respectful complements to my Lady Rollo. Her Ladyship may command every thing I can do to oblige her till the Prince orders otherways. I shall fend leave to M<sup>r</sup>. Dunbar, prisoner, Ensign in Col. Lee's Regim<sup>t</sup>, to go and wait on her Ladyship at Duncrub, on the same footing as he is now at Perth, on his parole of honour, from whence he is not to go above two miles distance. If any thing else is in my power can be agreeable to your Lo<sup>p</sup>, it shall be readily performed by,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's

DUNKELD, 10 October, 1745.

Most obedient humble Servant.

I beg your Lo<sup>p</sup> will excuse the not writing with my own hand, continual occupation renders it almost impossible.

## LXXIX.

THE MASTER OF STRATHALLAN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MACHANY, October 10<sup>th</sup> 1745.

MY LORD,

I trouble your Grace with this line to acquaint you that upon our arrival here, we were informed that Lady George Murray's Servants were



taken prisoners by a Man of War's long boat, as they were crossing the Forth at Alloa; and we were also told, that if we went by the foard above Stirling, that there was a great risque, by reason of parties that are sent from the Castle of Stirling all there about. As we have dispatches of consequence for the Prince, the French Gentelman would not run the risque of passing the River without a stronger Detachment, wherefore I sent an Expres to the Prince to let him know of it. If it were possible for your Grace to send us a Detachment of 100 men to escort us with our packets two or three miles other side of the Forth, it would be of great use; and have the honour to be, with profound respect,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most humble and  
obedient Servant,

JA : DRUMMOND.

LXXX.

UNTO HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF ATHOLL, THE REPRESENTATION OF  
JOHN STEWART IN KINNAIRD. 1745.

UNTO ANE HIGH AND MEIGHTY PRINCE WILLIAM DUKE OF ATHOLL,  
&c., THE REPRESENTATION OF JOHN STEWART IN KINNAIRD,  
BROTHER-GERMAN TO ALEXANDER STEWART OF KINNAIRD.

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

That I willingly served my lawfull Sovereigne the King, in the year 1715, by my going to the Battle of Prestown, where I had the misfortune to be there taken prisoner, stood tryall for my life, receaved sentence of death, (pardoned) and yafter banished to Virginea, in America, and by the assistance of God escaped, and came home to my native country; and now, as I am most willing to serve my Prince and your Grace in any

station at home, as your Grace shall think fitt; as I am now unable to travell by the former hardships I underwent, and well gone in yeares, I hope your Grace will be pleased to take it to consideration.

It's four weeks past since I received your Grace's orders for raising the Bishoprie men, which I did, and went to Crieff with them, and Delivered them to Collonell Mercer, so that I have nott a servant man at present to take care of my own affaires att home, for which trouble I received no reward as yet, altho' I have been putt to some charges; as also in my going twice to see the Castle of Cluny putt in repair for the prisoners. Your Grace answer to your most obedient and very Humble Ser<sup>t</sup>.

(Signed) J<sup>o</sup>. STEWART.

DUNKELD,  
Oct<sup>r</sup>. 3<sup>d</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>, 1745.

This Petition is to be considered, and Directions given about it before the Duke leaves Dunkeld.

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## LXXXI.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO ROBERTSON OF STROWAN.

The Stile of your Letter, dated the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. from Carie, is so lofty, and [I am] in such a continual hurry that at present I can hardly endeavour the answering it to purpose, therefore am forced to refer you in general to what I have told your discreet messenger, M<sup>r</sup>. Alexander, on the considerable points which you hint at. Did you stick close by your near neighbours, true friends, & real wellwishers, it is not impossible that you, as well as they, might be more satisfied with one another than it seems (Great Elector of Ranach) we are at present, both as to publick and private concerns.

I am heartily sorry for your Situation as to money matters; mine is

really little better, Having as yet little or nothing of my own farther than what is absolutely necessary for publick affairs; when it's otherways, with joy & pleasure you shall command every thing is in my power can be useful to you. In the meantime, I'll presume to share with you what can be spared of his Royal Highness money which is in my hands. If fifteen or 20 guineas will be acceptable with this Letter, they shall be put into the hands of your faithful messenger; besides, if your men can soon appear in any place where I am, their pay as it comes to my hands shall be regularly given whoever has the care and inspection over them. Pray be persuaded that, without Ceremony or Compliment, nobody can more essentially wish you well than he who is, without reserve,

DEAR ELECTOR,

Your most affectionate, and  
most Humble Servant,

DUNKELD, 11<sup>th</sup> October 1745.

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LXXXII.

SECRETARY MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

HOLYROODHOUSE, Oct<sup>r</sup>. ye 11<sup>th</sup> 1745.

MY LORD,

I had the honour to write your Grace last night by his Highness orders, which I hope you will receive in due Course. His Highness now desires your Grace may bring up all the arms along with you, being inform'd that there are only twelve hundred of them. As His Royal Highness writes himself, it is needless for me to say any thing farther than that it is the opinion of every body we have already been too long here. I had a letter from Cluny, dated the first of the month, telling me he intended to march next day, but I have heard no more of him, which fur-

prizes me much; however, I hope we shall have the pleasure of seeing him along with your Grace once next week, and I am,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most obed<sup>t</sup>,

and most humble Servant,

J<sup>o</sup>. MURRAY.

### LXXXIII.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

EDINBURGH, 11<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1745.

DEAR BROTHER,

I write once more by His Royall Higness's special commands, who desires you to come in person, and all the men possible, with the utmost expedition, and join him. Any that are coming from the north you must leave orders about their following you, and wait for none but such as have join'd you before this comes to your hands.

It is certain that all depends upon expedition, and the moment you join us his Royall Higness will march for England, if he do not march sooner. Every thing is in great confusion in England, particularly in London, where credit is at a stand; the greatest Banquiers have stop't payment; all would go to our wish if we could but march immediately. Settle every thing with Lord Strathallen about the police of the Country, civil and military. Adieu. I hope to see you before I write again. I ever am,

Your most affect<sup>d</sup> Brother,

and faithfull humble Servant,

GEORGE MURRAY.

The King of Prussia has given a total defeat to the Austrians.

## LXXXIV.

JAMES FARQUHARSON OF BALMORALL TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE, MY LORD DUKE,

I have the Honour of the Prince Regent's orders to raise this Countrey for His Majesty's service, and am forry to tell your Grace that I meet with such Difficultys from Invercald's Backwardness, and the bad Exemple given to the Neighbourhood, that wee can hardly gett our own men to obey, let alone Invercald's, without military execution. According to my orders from his Royall Highness att Holyroodhouse, (which place I left on Saturday last, and all verry weele,) least the King's Cause may suffer by such backwardness, I must begg your Grace will direct a full Company of Men here with a proper Officer to assist us in the execution of His Royall Highness' orders; your Grace will see the thing can admitt of no delay, because wee are already too long from our Duty to our King and Countrey. It gives me great Joy that your Grace is safe in your own Countrey—I had the Honour to be known to your Grace when I was Aid-de-Camp to my Lord Mar in the fifeteen; your Lordship may direct the party to Captain James Shaw of Dalldouny, one of our Officers, least I should be absent when they come. I wish all Health and good success to the King's friends under your Grace's Command; God bless yow, and send us all a happy meeting.—I have the honour to be, with all possible Duty,

MY LORD DUKE,

Your Grace's most faithful and  
obedient h<sup>ble</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>,

JAMES FARQUHARSON.

BALMORALL, 11<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1745.

LXXXV.

THE DUKE OF ATHOLL TO SECRETARY MURRAY.

SIR,

This day I had the honour of your's dated the ninth, with two of my brother George's letters, which on the main were answered some days ago. I allways intended, according to H: Royall H: orders, that all of us who could soon be got ready should march with the utmost expedition imaginable, and shall concert every thing necessary in these parts with my Lord Strathallan and Gask, in such a regular manner as may show the Prince I have neglected nothing could be reasonably performed for his satisfaction and the King's service. It's probable before this comes to hand you'll know, by the Gentleman who is come from France, that the arms, ammunition, &c., which he brought, falls much short of what you imagined. In short, I hope whatever can be brought up of these effects, with the men I've been endeavouring to get ready, shall ere long be brought so near you as to be immediately disposed of according as his Royal Highness shall think fit. I am, with perfect esteem and regard,

SIR,

Your most obedient and most  
Humble Servant,

DUNKELD, 12 October 1745.

I beg you'll communicate this to my brother George, since it contains all I can say at present in answer to his no less kind than pressing Letters. Having not a minute's time to lose, I entreat you'll forgive the not writing with my own hand.

## LXXXVI.

THE DUKE OF ATHOLL TO FARQUHARSON OF BALMORALL.

SIR,

This morning I hade the pleafure of your agreeable Letter, dated 11<sup>th</sup> instant, and am glade to find by it that you are ftill hearty and in good health.

According to your defire, I've fent to Strowan Robertfon, by one of his Gentlemen, ane order to march a hundred of his men to aid and affift you in raifing the Braemar men with the outmoft expedition; Therefor hopes they'l march without delay to join you as foon as poffible, and that you will immediatly after bring all down with you to Perth, in our way to join the Prince without lofs of time. So hoping foon to have the fatiffaction of feeing you with a fufficient body of good men, I fhall add no more, being, with all poffible efteem,

SIR,

Your moft obedient humble Serv<sup>t</sup>.DUNKELD, Oct<sup>r</sup>. 12<sup>th</sup>, 1745.

## LXXXVII.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO THE LAIRD OF GASK.

SIR,

I have the honour of your's dated this day, with the three inclof'd letters, and that to you from Secretary Murray, which, as defired, is here inclof'd; it's needlefs to fay any thing now as to the armes, &c., mentioned by you and him, having write all is at prefent neffefary to the

latter, and hopes personally soon to let you know what's proper on that subject, being intirely,

SIR, -

Your most obedient  
Humble Servant,

DUNKELD, 12<sup>th</sup> Octob<sup>r</sup>. 1745.

Having not a minute's time to lose, I entreat you'll forgive the not writing with my own hand.

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LXXXVIII.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO SIR THO<sup>s</sup>. SHERIDAN.

SIR,

This day I had the honour of your's with his R. H. Commands, I beg you'll give my most humble duty to the Prince our young master. It seems the Soldier called Coallier in Lafcelle's Regim<sup>t</sup>. never came here, for none of the prisoners know any thing about him; but you have here inclosed George Muschat's deposition, who has sworn never to carry arms ag<sup>t</sup> the Royal family, nor any having Commission from our Sovereign, which is all required of me by yours. With the utmost satisfaction I shall lay hold of every occasion to convince you that I am with perfect respect,

SIR,

Your most humble,  
& most obedient Serv<sup>t</sup>.

DUNKELD, 12<sup>th</sup> Octob<sup>r</sup>. 1745.

Dear Sir Tho<sup>s</sup>. I beg you'll forgive the not writing with my own hand, for really continual occupation puts it almost out of my power to show all the regard I ought to have for you.



## LXXXIX.

LAURENCE OLIPHANT OF GASK TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

My Son brought from Edin<sup>r</sup> the three inclosed Letters directed for your Grace. I had one at the same time from Mr Murray, Secretary to His Royal Highness, which I have likewise sent, as your Grace will be better satisfied of its contents than from my writing. If your Grace send the Arms, &c. to this place, it will be absolutely needful to send a strong party to guard them. I am,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's

Most obedient humble Servant,

LAU<sup>E</sup>: OLIPHANT.PERTH, Oct<sup>r</sup>. 12<sup>th</sup>, 1745.

Your Grace will please return the Letter directed to me from Mr. Murray.

## XC.

THE MASTER OF STRATHALLAN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

DOUN, October 12<sup>th</sup>.

MY LORD,

I arriv'd here just now with the French Gentleman, upon hearing that James Drummond was here with two hundred men, and are to cross the Forth to morrow morning with them, so we wont be obliged to trouble your Grace for an escort, which makes me trouble you with this line; it was very lucky we met with the men here, for there is no passing above

one or two persons at the foard, becaufe the Garifon of the Castele, we are told here, make patroules all about to hinder people from passing; and have the honour to be,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most humble  
and obedient Servant,  
JA : DRUMMOND.

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XCI.

DAVID STEWART OF KYNACHAN TO MR. MERCER OF ALDIE.

12<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>, 1745.

D<sup>R</sup>. SIR,

I haue the pleasure to tell you that I now believe we shall haue all the men of Glenlyon, Rannoch, and this country raised in a few days, but there is an absolute necessity for a strong party of strangers to put this in execution, which is my reason for sending you this express att this unseasonable hour.

Now, we are informed that Cluny is just now with his men att Dunkeld, and, as he is the properest in the world, so I beg you'll, on receipt of this, get on order from his Grace to send Cluny, with his whole party, (for the more the better,) here to-morrow night, that they may assist Shian att once to raise the men in the different places he is to be concerned with. I intreat you'll not delay this, for it will be of great consequence to us to have Shian and his 2 or 300 good men ready to march along with us to the Prince. Let Cluny haue the proper orders to be directed by Shian: If he is not yet come it must be delayed till he comes, for I find this must be done by strangers. I fancy you'll take notice that it will be hastning the matter to send Cluny his orders to march straight here from Blair or Dalnacardoch, if he is not yet come your length. I

haue ordered a full company for Strathbrawn to-morrow morning, and most of the rest are to be ordered on other parties, which I shall acquaint you of att meeting, who am,

D. SIR,

CASTLE MENZIES,  
*Saturday, 12 o'clock att night.*

Your most humble Serv<sup>t</sup>.

DAVID STEWART.

XCII.

SIR PATRICK MURRAY TO MR. MERCER OF ALDIE.

D<sup>R</sup>. SIR,

Yesterday's afternoon, at four of the cloack, my Lord Strathallan and Gaske convided all the officers prisioners here, and my Lord Duke's letter was reade in presence of us all; every body was very fenceable of the kind usage meant towards us by my Lord Duke's letter, and, in consequence thereof, every body very naturally thought of applying my Lord Duke to have his leave and interest to go to the different pleacefs where their buffiness and circumstancefs call them most. As I told you at Dunkeld severals of my fellow prisioners here, being Englishmen, would willing choise to go to the different pleacefs of England where their conec-tions lay; but at the same time I can say, in name of all my fellow prisioners, that none of us would aske any thing of my Lord Duke that should be thought ane unreafonable demand, so I beg you'll let me know by the bearer what libertys we haue reason to expect or look for, and believe me ever to be,

D. SIR,

Your affectionate Cousin,

and humble Servant.

PERTH, 13<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>, 1745.

PAT. MURRAY.

Pos.—If my Lord Duke is not to be here to-morrow, I beg you'll be so good as obtaine my Lord Duke's liberty for Colonel Bleaton, Colonel Hacket and me, to write of my Lord Duke, when we will let my Lord Duke know the libertys the officer prisoners wish for.

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XCIH.

LORD STRATHALLAN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

You was so good as send for Sir Patrick Murray to Dunkeld, when I hapned to be there; I fear it was unlucky, as my son and these gentlemen from France came at the same time to waite upon your Grace; I saw Sir Patrick still with that gentleman who could speake nothing but French. I had, this evening, advice of some new odd behaviour of the Knight, and shall soon have the particulars, and this is to give your Grace my hearty wishes not to listen any thing comes from him. I have inclosed a letter I had from Mr. Murray, the Prince's Secretary, about sending to Ed<sup>r</sup>. Capt<sup>n</sup>. Scot, in which your Grace will see that the Prince designs to give no enlargement to the gentlemen prisoners there. Gask omitted to write your Grace, that it was the Prince's desire that you would send a party to try the raising the Braedalbenn men; and there seems the more reason for it, that a good many of them, it's said, will be raised against us, how soon your Grace leaves this side of the Forth. With the utmost esteem and sincerity, I am,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most faithfull and

obedient humble Servant,

STRATHALLAN.

PERTH, Oct<sup>r</sup>. 13<sup>th</sup>, 1745.

## XCIV.

COL. WRIGHT TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

PERTH, Oct<sup>r</sup>. 13<sup>th</sup>, 1745.

MY LORD,

I have the honour of your Grace's most oblidging letter, which I communicated to the Officers who are prisoners here. I am desired by them to return your Grace their sincere thanks, for the offer of your good offices towards our farther enlargement. Tho' they are as happy in the present quarters as their situation will admit of, yet the bad state of health of some, and the circumstances of others, make them wish to be removed to other places, which I shall lay before you when I have the Honour to wait on your Grace here.

We have all of us the most gratefull sense of our generous treatment, which we shall on all occasions readily acknowledge.

I write in the name of the Officers, as well as my own; and have the Honour to assure your Grace that we are, with the greatest respect,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most obedient,  
& most Humble Servants,

J. WRIGHT.

## XCV.

MR. MERCER TO SIR PATRICK MURRAY.

DUNKELD, Oct<sup>r</sup>. 13<sup>th</sup>, 1745.

SIR,

I juft now received your's, which I immediately shewed the Duke of Atholl, who intends to be at Perth Tuesday or Wednesday next at far-

theft, he will then be glad to see the Gentlemen Prisoners. However, if Collonell Bliton, Colonell Halket, & you, has any thing to say that's pressing, which cannot admitt of such a delay, you'll be very welcome here, provided my Lord Strathallan is satisfied with your journey; if the Gentlemen acquaints him of their reasonable desire, I'm perswaded you'll find him ready to oblige them in every thing lyes in his poure; therefor it's plain you are free to do as thought proper on this occasion, as I wish you ever may, being without reserve,

SIR,

If any of your Gentlemen comes here, they are desired to bring Mr Farquharson alongst with them.

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XCVI.

THE DUKE OF ATHOLL TO LORD STRATHALLAN.

MY LORD,

Just before leaving Blair, your Lo<sup>p</sup>'s Brother-in-law, and my valuable Cousin German called Mr Mercer of Aldie imagin'd that if Sir Pat. Murray of Ochtertyre was allowed to come here, he might be induced to abandon Hanoverian principles, and to take the benefit of the Indemnity offered by the King & our Gracious Prince's Declaration; which really I thought he was not in the wrong to hope would been readily embraced by his father's son.

I shall be sorry to absolutely find both of us were much mistaken, which cou'd not be well discovered by the short time he staid with us; therefore at his request I did not absolutely refuse to see him again in this place, provided your Lo<sup>p</sup> though it proper, which was the condition which made me hearken to his new proposal he made Mr Mercer of coming again to

this place. I am glad to know you find not his behaviour altogether orthodox, which makes me far from inclining to hearken to him, or any other of your prisoners, otherwise than as your Lo<sup>d</sup> shall think proper. I shall say nothing about raising the Broadalbin men, till I have the honour of seeing you, being told that my Lord Glenorchy received the Letter I writ him from Blair in the most obliging manner. I am, with perfect esteem & affection,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's

Most obed<sup>t</sup> & most humble Servant.

DUNKELD, 14 Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1745.

I beg your Lo<sup>d</sup> will forgive the not writing with my own hand, Continual occupation renders it almost impossible: Secretary Murray's Letter is returned inclosed.

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XCVII.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

ED<sup>n</sup>. 14<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1745.

DEAR BROTHER,

The Prince Regent is in the utmost concern for the precious time which is lost by your not coming up. I have wrote to you so often, by his orders, upon that subje<sup>t</sup>, that I can add nothing to what I have already said, only that it seems the opinion of every body if you delay any longer it will be the utter ruine of the Cause. You should wait for no body but your own men, and if you bring them you will never be blamed

for the fault of others. M<sup>r</sup>. Strathallen and his Company are arived safe.  
I ever am,

D<sup>r</sup>. BROTHER,

Your most Affe<sup>ct</sup>. Brother,

and Faithfull humble Servant,

GEORGE MURRAY.

### XCVIII.

ROBERTSON OF STROWAN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY HONOURED LORD DUKE,

I had the pleafure of your Grace's of the 12<sup>th</sup> of O&r. 1745, wherein you order a hundred of my Regiment, with a proper Officer at their Head, on fight to march to Breamar, and there execute fuch orders as fhall be given them by M<sup>r</sup>. Ferquharfon of Balmorall, or M<sup>r</sup>. Shaw of Dalldownie, in raifing the Breamar men for the King's fervice, for which this fhall be to all concerned a fufficient warrand, figned Atholl.

But I beg leave to informe your Grace, that the Prince, previous to this order, has commanded me under his fign manuell, dock'd by his Secretary, and feal'd by his Royal H<sup>s</sup>, expreffly ordered me to raife all my Vaffells, Tenants, and Followers, and foon as I have raifed them hurry them to his Army, wherever the fame fhall happen to be for the time. Thus, my Lord, it feems a difficult point for me to put both orders in execution, unlefs, as the man faid, I can be in two places at once like a bird. Befides, a task of this nature is ufually given to a Detachment rather than put intirely upon one individuall Corpe, for it feems better to divide a difobligation then roll it over upon one fingle perfon. However, if I was affured the Prince's orders and yours did not clafh,—however, my men fhall be ready on your Grace's return to this; tho' I hope, on fecond thoughts, you will



think what I hinted not altogether unreasonable, when you are told that my Camerons in Ranoch want to be threatened to rise like some of our neighbours.

I have taken from Mr Chas. Alexander the 20 pieces, your Grace's intention at this time; I know he'll be accountable for the rest, as an honest man ought.

I with your Grace had let me into the particulars of our Foreign Succours, it had done great satisfaction to

Your ever faithful Servant,

AL<sup>R</sup>. ROBERTSON of Strowan.

CARIE, Oct<sup>r</sup>. 14<sup>th</sup>, 1745.

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XCIX.

LORD STRATHALLAN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

The inclosed Letter for your Grace had been seized by one W<sup>m</sup>. Whytt at Kinross, and was recovered at Aloa, as your Grace will see by Sir Harry Stirling's Letter to me, inclosed with the note of seizing the carrier of it, who is also sent on to your Grace, that he may account for his behaviour.—I am,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's

Most obedient humble Servant,

STRATHALLAN.

PERTH, Oct<sup>r</sup>. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1745.

It is Sir Harie Stirling's Servant who is sent forward to your Grace with this.

## C.

MR. MURRAY OF TAYMOUNT TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY DEAR LORD,

The bearer of this is Mr. Lockheart younger of Carnwath, who has desired me to write this to introduce him to your Grace, which I presume you will be so good as to excuse from, my Dr. Lord,

Your Grace's Affectionate Cousin,  
and most humble Servant,

W. MURRAY.

ED<sup>MS</sup>. Oct<sup>br</sup>. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1745.

I hope to have the honour and pleasure of seeing you soon here.  
This young Gentleman is one of the Prince's Aiducamps.

## CI.

BOYER MARQUIS D'EGUILLES TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MILORD DUC,

Je ne puis assez vous témoigner combien je suis sensible aux bontés dont il vous a plu de m'honorer, me voici enfin arrivé à Edimbourg où je compte voir incessamment votre adorable Prince, qui fait les délices de ses peuples, et qui fera bientôt l'admiration de l'Europe.

Je suis avec respect,

MILORD DUC,

Vôtre très humble

et très obéis. serviteur,

BOYER.

[ED<sup>MS</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1745.]

## CII.

DR. COLVILL TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

I have the honour and pleasure to acquaint your Grace that the Crowned Herring arrived safe last night in this Harbour, Capt<sup>n</sup> Barlemont Commander, loaded with Arms, Ammunition, &c., on board of which are Colonel Richard Warren, his two brothers, Captains, and two other friends. They are very busie unloading, and as it is very difficult to get carts here, we cannot fet out hence till to-morrow morning early for Brichin, where we will wait what guard your Grace is pleas'd to send, which we beg may be as soon as possible. This cargo is somewhat greater than that landed lately at Montrose. I beg your Grace will pardon the coarse paper, as the place affords no better.

I have the honour to be, with the outmost Esteem  
and Respect,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most obedient and

most faithfull humble Servant,

GEORGE COLVILL.

STONHAVIN, 16<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup>. 1745.

## CIII.

LADY M<sup>c</sup>INTOSH TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DOUKE,

The Beraer of this is a veray Pretay fellow, Brother to M<sup>c</sup>enzie of Killooway. He had a Compannay Refed for the Prince's servace, but

was handred by Lord Siforth to keray them of, which meks me geve this trobal to beg of your Grace to geve hem en ordar for rasing hes men & thene he can wous a lettell forfe. My God preaserf your Grace, and all that will fearve ther Prince and contray, which is the ernaft woufh of

Your Grace Most

Affnett. & obd. Sarvant,

A: M<sup>c</sup>INTOSH.

MOYHALL, Oct<sup>r</sup>. 16<sup>th</sup>. 1745.

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CIV.

DR. COLVILL TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

I have the honour to acquaint your Grace that there is juft come into this Harbour another Ship, with Arms, Money, and Ammunition; befides fmall Arms, fhe has fix Swedifh Cannon, four-pounders, which can be fired nine times in a minute, and 1800 ball for them. This laft Ship was chased by a Man-of-war, of Twenty-two Guns, and as the wind fell towards evening would have been taken, had it not been for fome fifhing-boats we fent out, who towed her along 4 miles, and brought her fafe into the Harbour. We faw the Man-of-war plainly, but night coming on, we know not what is become of her; however we are making the beft provision we can, ordering a Guard, with fome to patrole round the Town all night. There are eight Officers of the Irifh Brigade come in this laft fhip, and twelve Gunners with an Officer. The loading of the firft fhip fet out hence this morning for Lowran-Kirk, confifting of 118 Carts. Col. Warren and I luckily ftaid behind, having fome difpatches to give the Cap<sup>t</sup>. of the firft fhip, and we are to ftay till we fee every thing fafely ordered about this laft loading. As this Country is much drained of Carts by this morning's Convoy, it will be Saturday at fooneft

before we can get Carts for the other, and I wish we may have them ready then. The Gentlemen tell me that the forces designed to assist our King are all ready at Dunkirk, Ostend, &c., and that Lord Marshal is to come to Scotland with six thousand. As your Grace knows our situation, I need add no more but that I have the honour to be, with the utmost esteem and respect,

MY DEAR LORD,

Your Grace's most faithful and most

obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) GEORGE COLVILL.

STONEHAVEN, 17 October 1745.

Please turn over.

After writing the foregoing letter, Col. Warren and I agreed to delay sending off the Express till this morning, when we might know further about this Man-of-War, which we now see plainly about six miles off; and as there is water enough for any such into this Harbour, we are preparing against the worst, as we are pretty certain she has got information concerning our ship by means of the Custom-house boat of Aberdeen.

18 October.

As we can find no fit Express here for sending to Edin<sup>r</sup>. Col. Warren begs leave to ask your Grace will be pleased to order the letters for the Prince and Sir Thomas Sheridan to be sent off with all Expedition. I am just now informed that Mr. Blake, supercargo of last ship, is resolved to keep the ship here till a return to these dispatches comes from the Secretary, which may meet Mr. Blake on the road as he goes along with the Convoy of this last Cargo. As all the dispatches from Colonel Warren, &c. were sealed up before Mr. Blake came to this Resolution, and as time presses for dispatching the Express, I am therefore obliged to intreat your Grace will pardon this freedom, as it proceeds from a sincere inclination to serve the good Cause.

## CV.

DAVID STEWART OF KYNACHAN TO GEORGE ROBERTSON OF FASKALIE.

D. GEORGE,

When I received yours I was with Lord John Drummond, getting a Carriage for a Large Boat to carry alongs to facilitate our passage. I was juft sending for other two when John Murray came from Aloa, affuring me that we may have boats in plenty there; wherefor I am ordering 200 men or fo back with John Murray, fo as to be att Aloa to-morrow morning, in order to fecure the Boats and be mafters of the Passage. If this fucceeds it will make every thing eafy, if it fail, we muft carry on the boats we can get from this water. Inclofed you have my receipt for 50£, & John McEwan's for 34£. 6 fhill. I intreat you'll always let me know by Exprefs my Lord Duke's Rout, that I may know from time to time how we fhall move. It has been a very rainy day, & ftill rains hard; the poor fellows are very wet, fo you may guefs it to be no eafy matter to get them to march to Ardoch this night, as I propofe they fhall. It is now paff 3 o'Clock, & am in great hurry getting our men together, who am fincerely yours, &c. &c.

DAVID STEWART.

CRIEFF, 18<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1745.

## CVI.

GEO. LOCKHART OF CARNWATH TO COL: MERCER OF ALDIE.

ALOWAY, *friday night*, 18<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1745.

SIR,

We are juft now arrived fafe at this Place, after having had a very

good journey; we immediately sent for y<sup>e</sup> Master of y<sup>e</sup> Boat, who carries our friends over y<sup>e</sup> water; & he tells me, that there are Boats in y<sup>e</sup> Place that will carry over 100 men; he likewise adds, that if there were 2 or 300 men here, he could seize several large Vessels, which would carry over 4 or 500 men at once. These Vessels are now lying in y<sup>e</sup> Harbour here; by what I can learn from our wellwishers here, they think it proper that his Grace of Athol ought to take possession of this Place very soon, with a force able to resist y<sup>e</sup> Garrison of Stirling, should they make a Sally to dislodge us. I beg you'll pay y<sup>e</sup> remainder of y<sup>e</sup> hiring, which we shall pay at meeting, I have given him 5 sh. Captain Brown, and I, present our humble Duty to my L<sup>d</sup> Duke.

I ever am,

S<sup>t</sup>.

Your most obed. Serv<sup>t</sup>

GEO: LOCKHART.

The long boat of y<sup>e</sup> man-of-War is more to be fear'd than y<sup>e</sup> Castle of Stirling.

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CVII.

MR. MIC: BROWN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

We this instant are arrived the south side of y<sup>e</sup> Forth, and have conversed with one William Virtue, Shipmaster of Aloa, who is a very zealous subject and an understanding man. He assured me y<sup>t</sup> with four small pieces of Canon, whereof two of one pound, y<sup>e</sup> other two a pound and half, y<sup>t</sup> he will engage to keep off any long boat that might be dispatched from the man-of-war to interrupt your Grace's embarkation of men and convoy:—these four pieces of Canon are in a Brigg in this

harbour which waits a loading. If your Grace thinks proper to fend a number of men to take possession of this port, they can be here time enough to make a little redoubte, and garnish it with this little Artillery, which I believe may suffice to hinder y<sup>e</sup> approach of y<sup>e</sup> long boat, till your Grace arrives with y<sup>e</sup> Convoy.

I thought it proper also to agree on signals with same man, if any body should be sent by his Highness; I thought it incumbent on me, my Lord, to acquaint you of this man's sentiments, the more so that they seem reasonable I think, that shan't hinder, but I shall punctually execute your Grace's orders in representing to His Royal Highness that some field pieces would vastly facilitate your safe passage.

I hope your Grace will excuse this undigested scroul, by y<sup>e</sup> impossibility I'm in to write here otherwise.

I am with respect,

Your Grace's

most humble

and obedient Servant,

MIC: BROWN.

No more arriv'd at Aloa.

CARSIE, *four o'Clock.*

(*Endorsed.*)—"Received Perth, 18 Octr. 1745."

### CVIII.

ROBERTSON OF STROWAN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY DEAR DUKE,

I need not prompt a man to be honest who makes nice Conscience of wronging the King; few people scruple in that point. I have been



curfledly us'd by your Grace's Relations, tho' I am sure they were not properly related to your Grace. My ever honour'd Duke, you take me; if you don't, I refer you to Neil Macglafhan for half a pair of Spectacles, for he can tell what he sees as well and better than

MY LORD,

Your ever faithfull humble Servant,

AL<sup>R</sup> ROBERTSON of Strowan.

CARIE, Oct<sup>r</sup>. 18<sup>th</sup>. 1745.

God direct you & your good natur'd Frailty.

(*Endorsed.*)—"Letter from Strowan Robertson, which the Vis. of Strathallan, Mr. Mercer of Aldie, and other gentlemen, present at the receiving of it, could make nothing of; dated Carie, 18th Oct<sup>r</sup>, Received at Perth the 20th."

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CIX.

ROBERTSON OF KILICHANZIE TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

CARRIE, Oct<sup>r</sup>. 18<sup>th</sup>. 1745.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,

At my coming here I found Strowan resolv'd to joyn the Prince's Army with all speed, which I see is His Royal Highness Express orders to him, and he seems to incline more to follow that Intention than goe or send his men to Braymar. He recommended some things by word of mouth to his last Express sent to your Grace, but since he was not admitted to an audience they are still to be a secret.

In the main I find and see that Strowan is proud of obeying your Grace, but as he is order'd to Joyn the Prince he'll be proud to know your Grace's orders in executing the Royall Intention. I am glad to find

Strowan a nice Servant to the Prince, as I am to the Duke of Atholl.  
With all Dutifullness I am,

May it please your Grace,  
Your Grace's most faithfull  
and most obedient Servant,  
J<sup>o</sup>. ROBERTSON.

I find Strowan is timirous to call for money, altho' he'll want to pay his men as others are, also he wants to have some Arms for a good many of his men; a good many of them wants Guns, and most of them Swords and Pistells.

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CX.

MR. C. ALEXANDER TO MR. NEILL MACKGLASHAN.

DEAR SIR,

Killichangie has wrote my Lord Duke Strowan's answer to him about sending men to Braymar, so he intends as soon as possible to march for the Camp; I was very fond of the Mar Expedition, had it gon on.

Killichangie has dropt to his Grace that Strowan will want money to cary on his men to Ed<sup>l</sup>, also he wants some of the Arms that's come—a word from you will be seasonable. Strowan was not well pleased the Pink was not admitted to his Grace, it seems he had something to say by word of mouth; however, I wonder the pink did not let you know he had something to say, being sure you would gott him admitted. I make bold to trouble you once more about a ffuzie, if there be any such, or else a handsome light gun of the sort there is; the Bearer expects you'll help him to a sword. With all respect I am,

DEAR SIR,

Your most humble & ob<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

CARRIE, Oct<sup>r</sup>. 18<sup>th</sup>. 1745.

CHA<sup>s</sup>. ALEXANDER.

## CXI.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO SECRETARY MURRAY.

SIR,

I can add nothing to what I writt inclos'd to his R. H., but to assure, without loss of time, the outmost diligence and expedition shall be us'd, not only in going personally to receive His Royal Highness's Commands, but also to bring up in the safest manner the Arms, Amunition, Money, &c. which is arriv'd at Stonehaven, with all the men I have been able to get together through all sort of difficultys and constant labour; besides, by the Copy of a Letter, here inclosed, from the Lady McIntosh, I am well assur'd that name, the Frazers, and several other of the Northern Clans, will quickly join the Prince. The news I send him of this last Ship's Landing, with the hopes of their being supply'd with what they want, will certainly contribute not a little towards quickening their March. As Mr. Lockhart of Carnwath and Capt<sup>n</sup>. Brown will inform you more fully; as also every thing els can be said by me: So shall trouble you no further, having the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient  
and most humble Serv<sup>t</sup>.

PERTH, 18<sup>th</sup> Octobr. 1745.

Having not a minut's time to loose as formerly, I entreat you'll excuse the not writing with my own hand.

## CXII.

MUNGO MURRAY, SECRETARY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL, TO  
JOHN MURRAY AT ALLOA.

This night my Lord had yours of this day's date from Crieff, and bids me tell you he is much pleased with your diligence, care, and active capacity in every thing he has employed you, particularly this new instance in having, without loss of time, secured a passage over the Forth; but since the Accounts of a new Convoy of Arms, Ammunition, &c. that is just coming up to join the Prince, we can't be with you for these two or three days to come, Therefore hopes you will continue your assistance to Kynachan, who he has ordered to go and take possession of that post, which 'tis possible the Prince may have likewise sent to have kept open. Continue to behave with prudence and conduct, and you may be sure of My Lord Duke's particular esteem, as well as all honest men's that hear of your valuable actions.—I am, with truth, entirely

Your most obedient Humble Servant.

PERTH, 18<sup>th</sup> October 1745.

## CXIII.

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WILLIAM DUKE OF ATHOLL, &c.  
UNDER THE PRINCE REGENT,  
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF HIS MAJESTY'S FORCES.

These are Ordering and Requiring you, David Stewart of Kynachan, Major to the Earl of Nairn's Regiment to go according to the sure Intelligence you receive, and take possession of Aloa; to force, if possible, a pas-

lage over the Forth there, or any where near it, provided it can be kept open by you on this side, and assist any men on the other side, in case the Prince thinks fit to give orders for that purpose; but you, nor any of the different bodies of men with or near you, are not without positive orders to pass the River, only such as may be found necessary for securing your communication, and to get all Intelligence possible of what the Enemy is doing up or down the River, besides sending Us particular Accounts of that and your own Situation, since 'tis like I may be stopt by the new landing at Stonehive of a new Convoy of arms, ammunition, &c. which is now coming up to join the Prince. Therefore send directly to Mr Mackewan with the Grantully men, and Shian with the Laird of Weem's followers, as also Cluny McPherson with his men, to let them know they are not to pass the Forth, no more than you, till further orders. In all events, if possible, take along with you or send for the boats and carriages were offered you at Crief,—All which you are carefully to perform and do, as you will be answerable, for which this shall be to you and all concerned a sufficient warrant.

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CXIV.

SECRETARY MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

Be sure to bring up all the money.

MY LORD,

Information is now arrived from Couper of Fife that a ship is arrived at Stonehayve with arms, ammunition, and money, and that the arms, &c. were brought the length of Brechin. It is supposed they are advancing as fast as possible, and have by this time past Perth; so that by

halting one day att Down your Grace will give them time to come up; or if the main body come the lenth of St<sup>t</sup> Ninians, and a small party left att Down, by waiting a day they may equally join you. It is left to your Grace to leave what number of arms you shall judge necessary for those who are comeing up. A thousand stand Swords especially are necessary to be brought here, and the rest to be depofite att Dunkell, or Blair of Atholl, as you shall judge most proper. As there are still two ships a-comeing, the other Clans must be more than compleatly arm'd with those that are left behind, so bring as many as possible. I am,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most obed<sup>t</sup> and

most humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

JO. MURRAY.

ED<sup>s</sup>. Oct<sup>r</sup>. ye 18<sup>th</sup>. 1745.

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CXV.

SECRETARY MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

I had the honour to write your Grace this day by His Royal Highness's orders, to stop a day att Doun, or leave a body there and advance the lenth of St. Ninians with the rest, so as to bring up the arms, money, and ammunition, landed att Stonehayve; but in case that should retard your march, the Prince desires you may leave 500 men att Doun till such time as they come up, and march here with the main body without the least delay. Your Grace will give orders that none of the arms be left behind, and that the 500 men left may follow with the outmost expedition, his Highness having this night received intelligence from the

South which renders it absolutely necessary for the Army to march from this as soon as possible. I am, with great regard,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most obed<sup>t</sup> and  
most humble Servant,

JO. MURRAY.

Upon receipt of this, you will send Mr. Lockhart with Intelligence so as to have quarters provided.

HOLYROODHOUSE, Oct<sup>r</sup>. 9<sup>th</sup>, 1745.

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CXVI.

ARCH<sup>d</sup> MENZIES OF SHIAN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DUKE,

The difficulties arises in Conveening the men committed to my care gives me a good deal of uneasiness, as it disappoints my joining your Grace so as to pass the Forth Munday.

It will be Munday at soonest before I can expect the party or the Glenlyon men back here, and Tuesday or Wednesday before I can march from hence. In this tardy way I would know your Grace's orders as one who has ado with different Gentlemen's people & such as does not incline to appear in a light to facilitate my march. This goes by an Express from Strowan to notify to your Grace express orders from his Royal Highness to join the Camp w<sup>t</sup> all Expedition, by whom your Grace will please to let me know what I am to do; and if your Grace has absolutely promis'd to send a party to Breamarr & thinks it for the benefit of the service, I'll do in that what your Grace thinks proper. I have return'd a letter address'd to Mr. Ferquarson of Monaltry which should have been deliver'd by Mr. Alexander, I presume was to command the

party. I shall be impatient for your Grace's orders, tho' I trust to the bearer's quick return, yet sometimes Strowan's expresses have other things ado on the way, and I woud likewise suggest to your Grace, that if a party of my men be sent to Breamarr, more money will be necessary, if not, I'll do my best ere I join your Grace, which I'll endeavour to do as soon as possible. I am, w<sup>th</sup> the outmost respect,

MY LORD DUKE,

Your Grace's most obedient

& most humble Servant,

ARCH<sup>d</sup> MENZIES.

FARLEYEAR,

19<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1745.

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CXVII.

FARQUHARSON OF MONALTRIE TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,

Altho' I have not the honour to be acquainted with your Grace, I have presumed to give you the trouble of this line, to shew that I have got a warrand from the Prince to raise as many men as I can in this Countrie for his Service, but I find it cannot be done to any purpose without a party of men out of some other Countrie. I understand Balmorall apply'd your Grace to the same purpose, and I desired M<sup>r</sup>. Stewart of Cainachan (whom I saw att Perth) to put your Grace in mind of it. I am of opinion 40 or 50 men would be sufficient, and I intreat your Grace would do us the favour as to send about that number, with a Gentleman to command them, and Balmorall and I shall take cair of them. I hope your Grace will excuse this trouble, and I sincerely remain,

May it please your Grace,

Your Grace's most obedt: and

most faithfull humble Serv<sup>t</sup>:

FRAN: FARQ<sup>R</sup>SON.

MONALTRIE,

Oct<sup>r</sup>. the 19<sup>th</sup>, 1745.



## CXVIII.

COL: WRIGHT TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

PERTH, Oct<sup>r</sup>. 19<sup>th</sup>. 1745.

MY LORD,

Encourag'd by your Grace's goodness, the Officers Prisoners at Perth, take this opportunity to entreat the continuance of it, and that you would be pleas'd to use your good offices to have us indulg'd with leave to go to the particular places of our abodes, or that we may be allow'd to name such other places, as my Lord Strathallen may have instructions to permit us to reside at. Your Grace's compliance with the above request will add to the favours already conferr'd on us. I have the Honour to be, in the names of the Officers,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most obedient,  
and most Humble Servant,

J: WRIGHT.

## CXIX.

COL: WRIGHT TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

PERTH, Oct<sup>r</sup>. 19<sup>th</sup>. 1745.

MY LORD,

It is no small addition to my present affliction, the mortification of being depriv'd of the honour of waiting on your Grace personally, and of delivering the demand I have the honour to send your Grace enclos'd

I am fully convinced that the same motives that prompted your Grace to offer you good offices, will push you on to perform them, which makes me with reluctance ask any thing of one of your Grace's disposition, who is so ready to oblige; but I must mention to your Grace, that the bad

state of health of some, and the pressing business of others, make them wish how soon your Grace's good intentions towards them might be put in execution, as the advanced season of the year, and the badness of the roads, will make it the more inconvenient for them, which I am persuaded would give your Grace pain, as you seem to feel the sufferings of others. The timing a favour greatly raises the value of it, and the reflection of doing good natural and human actions, gives to a generous mind the greatest joy.

I shall ever retain the highest sense of your Grace's goodness, and have the honour to be, with the greatest respect,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most obedient  
& most humble Servant,

J: WRIGHT.

CXX.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

HOLYROODHOUSE, 19<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1745.  
*six at night.*

D<sup>r</sup>. BROTHER,

Yours by Capt<sup>n</sup>: Brown, his R: H: has received just now, & desires me to write to you (as S<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Ker does by another express) that he insists you should come up with all your Force with the utmost expedition, for all depends upon our marching into England, & nothing will hinder a moment after you join. You are to bring the whole that came in the last ship with you, & as many of the Armes of the first as you think can be spared after arming those with you, & leaving a few for the men you are sure are to come up very soon. It is thought by all here, that Low Country men can be gott in Angus & Perthshire, who for pay, will serve & answer all intentions in Perth, & the other towns in the north;

& his R : H : has sent directions & orders to the most of these Towns. As to your passing the Forth it is left to your judgment and those whom you consult when you come the length of Dumblane. There shall be Canon sent to guard this side on Teufday. Adieu.

Yours,

GEORGE MURRAY.

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CXXI.

NEIL MACKGLASHAN TO MUNGO MURRAY, SECRETARY  
TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

SIR,

There has been no accounts of the Mackintoshes or Frazers being on this side Drumachter, but we expect to hear of them this night by the return of the express that was sent to Foyers with His Grace's Letter. I have order'd up 20 bolls meal to Dalnacardoch, with a proper person to give it to them upon Receipt. As soon as I hear of their march over the hill, I'll go on to meet them, so that they'll meet with no hinder for want of meal or money. I really believe that the bad weather yesterday & the day before, swell'd the waters so high that there was no passing of them.

If his Grace leaves Perth to-morrow, it's not possible for me to be with him there, otherways I must return without doing that I came for; but if my Lord Duke wants I should wait on him at any rate, I'll go off directly for any place I'll be ordered to, to receive His Grace's last commands for this Country.

I shou'd think, with submission, that if His Grace wou'd please send his commands by this bearer, or any other he pleases, I shou'd stay to deliver that £100 to the Frazers, since they're not come already, so as I might have time enough to overtake His Grace at Perth.

If my Lord Duke pleases to order any thing he thinks proper for me out of the £100 I got for the Service of the Country, or out of any other

fund, for my personal travel & charges, it will be acceptable. As my Receipt lyes for the £100, I must produce vouchers for every groat of it. I wait his Grace's orders, and shall with the utmost fidelity and diligence do all in my power to see them punctually obey'd. I wish the Duke all happiness and prosperity, and am,

SIR,

Your most humble and Obedient Serv<sup>t</sup>.

N. MACKGLASHAN.

BLAIR, 20<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1745.

CXXII.

JOHN MURRAY TO MUNGO MURRAY.

S<sup>r</sup>:

Yours by the Bearer I received, and am glad to hear of the safe Arrivall of the new Convoy. Every thing here is in a much better way than could have been expected; and I am,

S<sup>r</sup>:

Your most humble Serv<sup>t</sup>.

JOHN MURRAY.

ALLOA, Sunday, 11 o'Clock forenoon.

CXXIII.

MR. JA: SCOT TO MR. WILLIAM FLEMING, ATTENDING HIS GRACE  
THE DUKE OF ATHOLL AT PERTH.

DUNKELD, 20<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1745.

DEAR SIR,

I'll be glad to hear by your return to this that my Lord Duke is

well, and that he has got quit of his Rheumatism. You may tell his Grace that, conform to his order, I sent 40 Bolls meal to Blair, & that there is only about a firloft remaining. Pray acquaint me when his Grace leaves Perth, & if you have got any good news.

After I had bespoke Thursday last 6 horses for Capt<sup>n</sup> Brown and his Attendants, it seems some Officers had made free with some of them; & on Mr. Ochterlony & one of the French men's being left at Inver without horses, I sent along with them 2 of my own, & all the thanks I had was, that when my servant asked wherewith to maintain his horses all night, Mr. Ochterlony threw him a sixpence, and bid him go hang himself; & the 2 horses stood me a shilling for hay, besides corn and the lad's expence. I think he has requit me ill, q<sup>ch</sup> I beg you'll tell him. I am,

DEAR SIR,

Your most aff<sup>t</sup>. humble Serv<sup>t</sup>.

JA: SCOT.

Ask Mr<sup>s</sup>. Hickson if she received the £1: 11: 9 for the cherry Brandy & porter q<sup>ch</sup> I sent by John Stewart, Ochtertyre's servant, for q<sup>ch</sup> he should have got me a receipt.

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#### CXXIV.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO COL: WRIGHT.

SIR,

With pleasure I had yesterday, under a double cover from Col. Halket, both your polite Letters, with the two lists of your Officers and their demands. I am sorry to know from all hands that you are in a bad state of health. Did it depend on me, your sickness and affliction should

be equally shor't with the uneasy situation of your Gentlemen, who I heartily wish well. All I can do for the satisfaction of both is to represent to the Prince Regent your immediate melancholy condition in the most moving manner; [which] may soon produce such worthy as well as agreeable effects as is earnestly desired by them or those, whose dutiful sentiments, besides humanity, makes wish well to true Britons. With what is materially due on that account, a particular regard for your personal merit will always oblige to be in the most significant manner possible,

SIR,

Your most humble

and most obedient Servant,

PERTH, 20 October, 1745.

I hope you'll excuse the not writing with my own hand, continual occupation renders it almost impossible.

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CXXV.

NOTE ENCLOSED IN THE PRECEDING LETTER.

Oct<sup>r</sup>. 20, 1745.

The Duke of Atholl was told that the Gentlemen prisoners here in Perth, asked to know, If he would have morning levees, because they intended accordingly to wait of him. His answer is, That He thanks them kindly for the polite Compliment they designed him. His Grace is not fond of ceremonious visits, tho' he will be always glad to cultivate an acquaintance with Gentlemen, whose actions show they are true Britons, by standing up for supporting the ancient Constitution and liberties of well-born Subjects, whose honour is engaged to shake off the Slavery of a foreign yoke.

## CXXVI.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO KILICHANGY, AT CARIE.

SIR,

This afternoon I had your obliging Letter, with one from Strowan Robertſon, which neither my Lord Strathallan, the Laird of Aldie, nor any body here could make any thing of. Pray, with my Compliments, let him know that it is now no more time to be talking of ſending out parties, Therefore He'll be pleaſed to obey his Royal Highneſs Commands in the manner that appears moſt expeditious and convenient for his Service. Had Neill Mc'Glaſhan been here, I know not if that Gentleman, as he ſays, would have underſtood or explained his meaning better than other people. In his abſence I opened the Letter M<sup>r</sup>. Alexander writ him, but never heard of one called Pink's having any particular meſſage to me; for in that caſe, if ſent by a very ſmall Subject I ſhould have ſeen him, how much leſs then would I have failed in ſpeaking with one ſent to inform me of any thing from a perſon of ſuch merit and conſequence as is my former friend Strowan Robertſon, for whom I ſhall ever have all poſſible eſteem and regard, which I hope you'll let him know in the moſt agreeable manner: However little confidence it ſeems Strowan puts in me, yet ſure he might freely call for due ſubſiſtence to any of the King's troops who are under his command, without your having ſent a known perſon for that end; yet by Drumachine's advice, I truſt the bearer of yours, and one of Strowan's Tenents, who is going to him, with £25 ſter. for that end, for which I hope our dear Elektor will be accountable in the exaeteſt manner. I am, with Eſteem,

SIR,

Your moſt affectionate

Humble Servant,

PERTH, 20<sup>th</sup> October 1745.

## CXXVII.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO MENZIES OF SHIAN.

SIR,

All I can say in return to your long letter dated the 19<sup>th</sup>, which I received about 2 o'clock this afternoon, is, That two ships having arrived at Stonehive with fresh supplies of arms, money, &c. to the Prince, the Convoy of which, consisting of about 250 cart loads, not being able to arrive here before to-morrow or next day at furthest, has retarded our march till then from hence. His Royal Highness having sent repeated and express orders to me that all His Troops in these parts shou'd march forthwith without loss of time, therefore this is requiring you to do the same, with Cluny Macpherson, to whom please communicate this, that you may both directly, without stopping longer, proceed immediately forward in your way to the Army, and quarter yourselves at Crieff, Muthil, or any where else you can find most convenient thereabouts, till I come up, or till further orders; but if we are passed before you come that length, you are to follow with the utmost diligence and Expedition. So hoping soon to have the pleasure of seeing you, I am, with perfect Esteem,

SIR,

Your most obedient

Humble Servant,

PERTH, 20 October 1745.

## CXXVIII.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO LADY GEORGE MURRAY.

DEAR SISTER,

Some days ago I was mightily concerned on hearing you were in danger on passing the Forth at Aloa, your Chaise horse being shot, and



wearing apparel taken, which, except the fright, I am glad is all the hurt has happened you. This day, before receiving the pleasure of yours dated the 19<sup>th</sup> inst. from Arnhall, I have one of the same date, 6 at night, from my Brother George, with the Prince's last orders, and shall do all is possible to get yet further instructions, as two Ships, one after the other, are arrived from France at Stonehive. I know not, as yet, if I shall march for a day or two more from home, nor can I tell if we may'nt pass the River at Aloa; whatever happens I shall be sure to endeavour meeting with your Ladyship in the way. In the meantime, pray take care of your health, and give my Kind Service to Lady Strowan, being, with perfect esteem and regard,

MADAM,

Your most affectionate Brother,  
and most humble Servant,

PERTH, 20<sup>th</sup> October 1745.

As formerly, I entreat you'll forgive the not writing with my own hand, having now far less time than ever.

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CXXIX.

LADY GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

I give your Grace this trouble, being just inform'd that the people of Stirling are intending to make an attack on your Grace in your march, and, the better to deceive, I'm told that they have put on white cockades, and many of them in Highland dress. Their number, what with so many out of the Castle, the soldiers in the town, and the militia, will, it's given out, amount to six or seven hundred men, so that it will be neces-

fary to have a strong body along with yourself. I wish that these things wh<sup>ch</sup> came in the last ship may be soon with your Grace, for, by the resolution that was taken, Friday evening, at the Abbey, they wanted much that your Grace and men might be soon up.—If your Grace comes to Dumblain, pray let me know before, that I be there, for it is improper for your Grace to be here, but in case you don't come that road, (as I hear a report to-day that the passage is open'd at Alloa,) please send a sure hand here by whom I shall write what I was desir'd to tell your Grace.—I am, with great regard,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most affectionate sister,  
and most humble Servant,

ÆMILIA MURRAY.

ARNHALL 21<sup>st</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>,  
*four afternoon, 1745.*

I sent a letter to your Grace yesterday morning, wh<sup>ch</sup> I hope you have rec<sup>d</sup>.

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CXXX.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO LADY M'INTOSH.

MADAM,

A minute before leaving Dunkeld, I had the pleasure of your most agreeable letter dated from Moyhall the 12th inst. and am very glad to find by it that the Laird of M'Intosh is the loyal successor of his ancestors. Having no time to write the instant I received yours, made me then only send £100, which might be necessary for the subsisting of his men, which was all seem'd absolutely necessary at that time for them who, I hoped,

would soon after been up with us. This day I had the satisfaction of a letter of recommendation from you in behalf of Mr. William McKenzie, brother to Kilcoy, to whose satisfaction every thing is done I thought could contribute to the King's service. He assured me that your people will be quickly up to join the Prince, which gives no small satisfaction to all friends who have heard it, as well as to one who is, with perfect esteem, entirely,

MADAM,

Your most aff. cousin,  
and most humble Servant,

PERTH, 21 October, 1745.

I beg you'll excuse the not writing w<sup>t</sup> my own hand, continual occupation renders it almost impossible.

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CXXXI.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO MONALTRIE.

SIR,

With pleasure this day I received your's of the 19<sup>th</sup>, and in answer, as pressed by the Prince's commands to join him without delay, I am sorry to tell you how unable I am at present to be useful to you in raising the Braemar-men. You'll see by what I writ to Balmorall, as well by the two enclosed Letters, the one from Mr. Stenart of Keinachan, & the other from Meinzie of Shian, that I have done all I could for being effectually useful to you. Since nothing has as yet succeeded, I spoke last night to Lord Lewis Gordon, who was here in his way to raise the Duke of Gordon's people, to be assisting in getting out your men, which he frankly promised to do, so soon as he could be on his march Southward. This is

all remained further practicable to do for the King's Service towards effectually raising your people. I heartily wish more were in my power. It should be soon performed by,

SIR,

Your most obedient  
humble Servant.

PERTH, 21 Oct<sup>r</sup>, 1745.

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CXXXII.

DUKE OF ATHOLL'S SECRETARY TO NEILL MACGLASHAN.

SIR,

Three o'clock this afternoon I received your's of yesterday's date, which I immediately showed to my Lord Duke, who was much surpris'd that instead of seeing you before this time, as he positively required at your parting, to find, instead thereof, you have sent by an express a Letter which signifies little or nothing; which he says is not only losing of time, but also gently giving him the slip the second time, as you did first at Creif. In short, he hopes you will now leave the small Commissions you were charged with, as formerly desired, in the hands of your Nephew, Patrick Mackglashan, who ought, and may easily discharge that trust, and come directly here without losing any more time; where perhaps you may be still usefully employed in helping to send off necessary Dispatches, instead of precious time being lost in writing to you, as you may very well imagine, since knowing how few my Lord has about him fit for being employed in putting pen to paper. As for me, I am not alone able to answer innumerable demands and Letters, which arrive every minute from all hands. Consider, then, if you have judged well in leaving my Lord destitute of your assistance on so pressing and critical a juncture. The day after you parted,

another Ship arrived at Stonehive with more Arms, Cannon, Money, Officers, &c<sup>a</sup>, which helps to multiply the care of many affairs which lie on our hands. Think then what you have to do quickly, as you wish well to a good cause; which is all at present from,

SIR,

Your most humble & obedient Servant.

PERTH, 21 Oct<sup>r</sup>, 1745.

I send you enclosed from my Lord six of the Prince's last Declaration, which he desires may be left in the hands of honest people about Blair.

I forgot to tell you, that if bare words can do any Service, He wishes, as you do him, all happiness & prosperity may attend you.

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CXXXIII.

MONS<sup>rs</sup> BOYER D'EGUILLES TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MILORD DUC,

Etant arrivés a Macani, nous avons appris que les gens de miledi Georges Murray avoient été enlevés hier, au passage de la riviere d'Edimbourg, par le canot d'un vaisseau Anglois; et qu'il fortoit des partis du chateau de Sterling qui venoient faire des incursions a plus de 12 milles, au nombre quelquefois de 150 hommes. Nous avons crû qu'il feroit trop imprudent de nous exposer a être pris; ce qui le feroit d'autant plus que nos dépêches feroient ouvertes, et nous mis hors d'état d'être d'aucune utilité au Prince; nous avons donc pris le parti de nous arrêter icy jusqu'à nouvel ordre, et nous avons écrit au Camp nos raisons et nos craintes. J'ay crû que vous me permettriez de vous en rendre compte; les bontés

dont *Votre Grace* m'a honoré, et le rang quelle tient dans ce pais ici me font un devoir de cette attention,

Je fuis avec respect,

MILORD DUC,

Vôtre tres humble,

et tres obeifs : Serviteur,

BOYËR D'EGUILLES.

A MACHANI, CE 21. 8<sup>bre</sup>. 1745.

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CXXXIV.

THE DUKE OF ATHOLL TO MONSIEUR BOYER D'EGUILLES.

MONSIEUR,

Vers les quatre heures apres midy, J'ay eu l'honneur de recevoir votre Lettre de Machany avec cette de Monsieur Drummond, fils de Monsieur le Vicomte de Strathallan, qui mes les envoit par un Exprest. Je fuis bien mortifié de sçavoir que Monsieur est obligé de s'areté en chemin faisant vers le Prince, par le soin que l'on na pas eû d'empêcher les Ennemis a couper la communication que doit estre avec l'armée de son Alteffe Royale et ce pays icy, par les Endroits les plus comode sous la Riviere du Forth. J'auroit eû le plesir d'envoyer a Monsieur sur le champ une escorte de cent hommes si il y avoit icy assés d'armes pour le mestre en Etat de ses Defendre devant l'arrivés des votres, qui doivent estre icy Dimanche au plus tard. Mais j'espert que vous ne feré pas obligé d'atendre jusqu'au tems quils puissent vous joindre, parceque sur la bruit a Edimbourg que des Troupes, des armes, est munition etoient arrivez de France sous les costes de ce pays icy.

Le Secretaire du Prince a Envoyé un Exprest avec les ordres necessaires a cest egard, par une personne q'hier au soir a heureusmt passé la

Riviere ; est il ma dit qu'il Esperoit pouvoir vous faire passer de meme avec votre Compagnie : Ainssy il doit informer Monsieur particulierem<sup>t</sup> si cela ce puit être fait en fureté demain, peut être devant cecy puit vous être rendu ; Etant sur le champ partir d'icy, pour parler a Perth a M<sup>r</sup>. Le Vicomte De Strathallan en chemin faissant.

En tous cas aussy tot que vos armes seront arrivez j'envoyerez les cent hommes que l'on a Demandés pour votre Escorte a Machany, si on ne me fait pas a sçavoir quils ne vous font plus util.

Je suis infiniment sensible Monsieur de vos Politeffes a mon Egard, et feroit charmé de pouvoir être util en vous rendant le moindre service qui est deub a une personne de votre merite, Etant avec Respecte,

MONSIEUR,

votre tres humble et tres  
obeissant serviteur.

A DUNKELD,

ce 22. 8<sup>bre</sup> 1745.

De Grace Monsieur ayé la bonté d'excuser si je vous Escrist par une autre main que la mienne, parceque des occupations continuels fait quil est presque impossible de faire autrem<sup>t</sup>

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CXXXV.

MR. JA : SCOT TO MR. WILLIAM FLEMYNG.

Oct<sup>r</sup>. 22.

SIR,

I wish the Duke could think of removing these Gentlemen we have here prisoners on their parole to Perth, or some o<sup>r</sup> more convenient place, for I'm convinced they'll do no good here ; the enclosed was writ last night, & was returned this morning by the man proposed going to Perth.

## CXXXVI.

LADY MONCRIEFF TO GLENLYON.

DEAR SIR,

Since the Duke of Athole has use for my horses, I have sent such as I have to his Grace; my three best went before with the Prince, and as you know I have a pretty large labouring, I must be obliged to provide others the best way I can, or let my ground lie, so it will be a great favour done me to procure his Grace's protection for such as I must either buy or borrow. I am glade to hear my sister is well and making up for your absence. If it be convenient, I should be glade to see Captain Archibald. My duty to my sister, and, wishing you good health and a happy return, I ever am,

DEAR SIR,

Your affectionate Sister,

MARGARET SMYTH.

MONCRIEFFE, *October 22<sup>d</sup>, 1745.*

P.S.—If I had had saddles, I would have sent them, but all I had was taken when my first and best horses was taken. Please keep the berran till you get the protection.—Adieu, my Dear Sir.

## CXXXVII.

WILLIAM DUKE OF ATHOLL, &c.  
UNDER THE PRINCE REGENT,  
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF HIS MAJESTY'S FORCES,  
TO ALL OFFICERS, CIVIL OR MILITARY.

As some of Lady Moncreiff's horses were formerly taken up for the Prince's service, and that her Ladyship has now sent here, for the same



end, two more, These are requiring all parties who are in search for arms, &c: not to disturb her any more on account of what horses she may have for her personal use and labouring, as they will be answerable; for which this shall be a sufficient warrant.—Given at Perth, 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 1745.

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## CXXXVIII.

PATRICK ROBERTSON TO COL. MERCER.

DALNACARDOCH, 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1745.

SIR,

Haveing the agreeable informatione from the bearer y<sup>t</sup> Sir Alex<sup>r</sup>. McDonald, McLowd are on their march, the servant wanted much my advice which road to hold; I thought proper to direct him to his Grace the Duke of Atholl and you, that ye may get all his news.—I am,

SIR,

Your most obliged

most humble Servant,

PAT: ROBERTSON.

## CXXXIX.

LORD KINNAIRD TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,

Our friend Capt. Crichton has been here, agreeable to your Grace's orders, which we have seen, and has seized my horses; but, as I have none other but what goes in my ploughs, it will be extremely hard upon

me if they are kept, confidering it is juft now our time of wheat feed;— May I therefore beg the favour of your Grace, as I am no enemy to the Caufe, to return me my horfes, or part of them, efpecially my wife's chaise mare, becaufe ſhe is tender, and is obliged to ride out for her health:— It will be doing me a fingular favour, and a favour I ſhall always have a gratefull remembrance of.—I hope your Grace will pardon this trouble from,

Your Grace's moſt obedient humble Servant,

KINNAIRD.

DRIMMIE, 22<sup>d</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1745.

CXL.

MR. FRASER OF FOYERS TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DUKE,

I am honour'd with your Grace's favours of the 15<sup>th</sup> cur<sup>t</sup>. and the reaſon of my not doing myſelf the honour of makeing ane anſwer ſooner was owing to the Maſter of Lovate's comeing to this country the ſame day I purpoſed to have ſet out from here w<sup>t</sup> my people, who rendezvouzed his men, and at the ſame time he begg'd that I and my few followers ſhould wait for a few days, when he and all that were to join him, w<sup>t</sup> his own two battalions, would be clear to march, which deſire I thought proper to obey only for few days; I hope will give ſome ſatiſſaction when wee appear.—Begging pardon for this and former freedom, w<sup>t</sup> the greateſt eſteem and regard, I ever am,

MY LORD DUKE,

Your Grace's moſt affect.

and faithful Servant,

JAMES FRASER.

FOYERS, 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1745.

## CXLI.

LORD NAIRNE TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

The bearer, adjutant to Lord George's regiment infits much to go home upon some pressing business, and promises to return in six or seven days at most;—I have only allowed him to wait of your Grace wherever he can find you, and then allow him to go home or not, as may be thought properest.—I am,

Your Grace's most obedient Serv<sup>t</sup>

NAIRNE.

HOLYROODHOUSE, *Oct<sup>r</sup>. 23<sup>d</sup>*, 1745.

## CXLII.

SPALDING OF ASHINTILLY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DUKE,

I referred to Glenkilrie to inform your Grace of what I reasonably expect conform to your Grace's desire; but as he has proved delatory, I beg leave to inform your Grace myself. I am, my Lord, a poor dependant, altho' young, and am therefore willing to obey directions; and I likewise hope your Grace will make me equal with some of my Inferiors, at any rate, if I am as deserving, and I do believe I have a Claim: In the first place, I was an Officer in the o<sup>y</sup>r Army, where I had full pay; secondlie, in going to Gladsmuir a Volunteer; and, fourthly, I have some men along with me; and I also believe there is none of the Gentlemen with whom I have been upon Command since I came here can reflect much upon me. May it

therefore please your Grace to preffer me to an Company, and to give me such pay as I can live upon, without beeing too much scrimped, especially when I go on party. I have now the experiance of traveling; and am, with the greatest Respect,

MY LORD DUKE,

Your Grace's most faithfull and  
most obliged humble Serv<sup>t</sup>,

PERTH, Oct<sup>r</sup>. 23<sup>d</sup>, 1745.

DAN: SPALDING.

CXLIII.

PATRICK ROBERTSON TO MR. MERCER.

DALNACARDOCH, 23<sup>d</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1745.

SIR,

Kinloch Mudart, and Mr. McKenzie, who were heir this morning, told me that ye told them that money and meall, and everie thing fit for the Armie, was to be had from me heir; ther's onlie twentie bols meall sent heir from Blair; no money; wherefore I thought proper to acquaint you of the same. My Lord Duke hurried me away when last at Dunkeld, soe that I had no time to speike of any thing. I have not been two nights on end at home since the Prince and his Grace came to Atholl, soe that I have been a good deall of money out of pocket for the service; wherefor I hope His Grace the Duke of Atholl will order some money for me, if it were but twelve pounds Sterling, for to help my charges in goeing about the service. I have given some money to Expresses already. I can be as usefull at home as if I had gone with the Armie; and I am,

SIR,

Your most obliged most humble Serv<sup>t</sup>,

PAT: ROBERTSON.

## CXLIV.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

FOORD OF FORTEVIOT, 23<sup>d</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>, 1745.D<sup>R</sup>. BROTHER,

We have ride the water, and if this wether had [hold], I hope it will be very passable at Kinkell, both for horses and Carriages to morrow.

Collonel Warran, and the Gentlemen with me, recomend two Officers who are advanced in age, and who will not be able to endure much fatigue, the one to stay close at the Castle of Blair, and the other can be with my Lord Strathallan at Perth. Those Gentlemen's names are, M<sup>r</sup>. Oudaniel and Collogan. I am,

D<sup>R</sup>. BROY<sup>R</sup>,Your most affect<sup>d</sup>. Brother,& Faithfull Humble Serv<sup>t</sup>,

GEORGE MURRAY.

## CXLV.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

ALLOA, 23<sup>d</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>, 1745.D<sup>R</sup>. BROTHER,

We came very well here this evening, and found our partys much upon their guard, and alarm'd. I have seen Gentlemen who can be depended upon, who observ'd the Happy Janet, with two Kinghorn boats they had man'd, come up the lenth of Borostunefs, with an intent to disturb this passage. I have left all the Officers (being 4) who came with me, to give the necessary orders & advice in any imergency; but, for God's sake, send up the Swedish Cannon & Guners with an Efcort & amunition, for otherways our Friends may be afronted here. I shall give all

the directions I can to-morrow morning, but depend much on Coll: Warren, &c.

There are two hundred Cartes to be ready at two hours warning, and the fame is order'd from Dumblean; so if you write Keynachan, and tell your horse to be mett at Ardoch, it will be done. I am very weary, so hope you will excuse my concluding with assuring you, I ever am,

D<sup>R</sup>. BROTHER,

Yours, &c.

GEORGE MURRAY.

Glengyle, who is at Doun, and Kynachan here, will be appointed posts when the Canon pafs, viz. at Bridge of Alen & the Abby Craze.

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CXLVI.

MR. JA: SCOT TO [THE DUKE OF ATHOLL'S SECRETARY?]

DEAR SIR,

I'll be glad to hear, by your return to this, that my Lord Duke is in good health, and quite free of his Rheumatism, May God blefs and prosper him. Please acquaint his Grace that, conform to his orders, I sent the 40 Bolls meal to Blair, for which I want, at 16 pence 7<sup>th</sup> Boll, 32£. Scots, or 53 shi: 4<sup>d</sup>, q<sup>ch</sup> I paid the men. Be so good, if time will allow you, to send us some of your news, and when the Duke leaves Perth.

Last night there was a man here who came from Kynachan, who told he left at Kynachan's house, yesterday morning, S<sup>r</sup>. Alex<sup>r</sup>. McDonald, whose men were lodged in the neighbourhood, but could not tell their number. Please let me know if it be true, as reported here, that the E. Marshall came in the last Fr. ship.—I am,

DEAR SIR,

Yours most faithfully,

JA: SCOT.

Oct<sup>r</sup>. 23<sup>d</sup>, 1745.

I wrote Monday to Mr. Flemyng, but got no return.

## CXLVII.

LADY DOWAGER OF OCHTERTYRE TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

I hope your Grace will pardon my giving you this trouble, and believe that notwithstanding your long absence, there's still many off your Grace's friends that does most sincerely congratulate your happy return, amongst whom I shall be ever proud to be reckoned one. Being informed your Grace is soon going South, I would take it as a very singular favour if your Grace would be so good as make this your way; I would gladly flatter myself, if it's not inconvenient, a meeting with an old friend would not be disagreeable to the Duke of Atholl, at the same time lay an unspeakable obligation upon Him who has the honour to subscribe myself,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's Affect<sup>d</sup> Cousen, and  
most obedient humble Servent,

CA: MURRAY.

OCHTERTYRE, *October y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>d</sup>, 1745.*

## CXLVIII.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO LADY METHVEN.

MADAM,

When the Prince left this Town, I was ordered to call for £200 Sterl. which you had ready for his Royal Highness' Service. I delayed sending to ask for it, thinking to have had the pleasure of waiting on you myself, which I now find impossible. Therefore hopes you will be so good as to excuse this, and at the same time be pleased to give Mr. Oliphant,

younger of Gask, that money, who takes the trouble to go with a receipt for it. Did not the King's Service require immediate dispatch, you should not have such a pressing demand from a near neighbour, who will always be glad to show how much he is,

MADAM,

Your most humble

& most obedient Servant.

PERTH, 24 October, 1745.

I beg, Madam, you'll excuse the not writing with my own hand, constant occupation renders it almost impossible.

PERTH, 24<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>, 1745.

Received for the King's Service, and in the Prince Regent's name, from Lady Methven, the sum of £200 Sterl: for which I am accountable to his Royal Highness.

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CXLIX.

CHARLES STEWART TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

After coming here, I inquired for Clunie Macferfon and the rest of the officers your Grace expected to have been here, but there is non cum up this length, but Capt<sup>n</sup> Fraiser and M<sup>r</sup>. Stewart of Clunes, who have with them about forty-seven men, and only twenty of them armed. There is an express dispatched to Captain Menzies of Shian, and Clunie Macferfon, but whether they are at Amulrie or Taybridge I am uncertain. M<sup>r</sup>. Brice assures me that the water of Earn is not foordable; I am to wait here for your Grace's return, because there may be some danger in



martching fo few men up to Dumblain, it being fo near the Castle of Stirling.—I am, with great refpect,

Your Grace's moft obedient Serv<sup>t</sup>

CHARLES STEWART.

CRIEFF, Oct<sup>r</sup>. 24<sup>th</sup>, 1745.

9 at night.

CL.

CLUNY M<sup>c</sup>PERSON TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,

My men have been imployed in raifing the people of this Country, Glenlyon and Rannoch, all the while fince I com from Dunkeld; I was befides neceffitate to return to Badenoch w<sup>t</sup> a partie to carry on fome of my people y<sup>t</sup> ftayed behind: all thefe Jantings have much fatigued my men, however, the throng of them will be this night at Crief; the partie that went to Rannoch have not return'd yet. I am fo drain'd of Cafh that I was oblidg'd to borrow thirty pd: and fome od fhill: Sterg. from Shian to fubfift my men, and Shian tells me he is now quite exaufted, which oblidges me fend the bearer, M<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>c</sup>Pherion of Breakachie to raife m<sup>o</sup>ney from your Grace for our fubfiftance:—I had the honor to receive your Grace's orders this day, appointing Shian and me to march to Crief, which fhall be carefully obeyed by us both, tho' at the fame time we are oblidged to leave a few men to carry all before them. I am, w<sup>t</sup> all due attachment and refpect,

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,

Your Grace's moft Affectionate and

moft ob: faithfull ferv<sup>t</sup>

E: M<sup>c</sup>PERSON.

KIRKTOWN OF WEEM,

25<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1745.

Please excufe bad paper, bad write, &c., being in great hurrie.

## CLI.

COLONEL KERR TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

As Lord George is not to return to this place, his Royal Highness sent me here in order to secure the passage here for your Grace's passing, which shall be done so far as the situation and the conveniences here will admit of. His Highness recommends to your Grace to make all possible haste, as it's inform'd that troops are assembling from all parts, in order to dispute the passages betwixt Edin<sup>r</sup> and Newcastle, so that your Grace's marching (even fast marches) with the utmost expedition is of the greatest importance, as it will conduce much to his Royal Highness's service; and if the Cannon could be forwards, in order to place on the batteries, prepar'd for securing the passage which is of the utmost importance, would be of great service. I am,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most obed<sup>t</sup> humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

KEN: KERR.

ALLOWAY, ye 26<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>. 1745.

P: S: It's hop'd that your Grace will let me know from time to time your Grace's motions, that Carriages may be ready on the other side of the water, who waits for nothing but the hour of your Grace's arrival.

Your Grace will please direct to Coll: Kerr, at Elphinston.

## CLII.

THE DUKE OF ATHOLL TO [COLONEL KERR.]

SIR,

Your's, dated this day, I received at the Bridge of Ardoch in my

way hither; my answer to his Royal Highness' pressing orders which you mention for my marching is, were it to gain the Universe, it is impossible to make more dispatch than I do, as is evident to all the Gentlemen with em. I hope to be up time enough to morrow at Aloa, so that the convoy may be able to pass the river before night; therefore, according to promise, be so good as to have boats, carriages, and every thing ready for marching forward; to which I can add nothing further here, but that I am.

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CLIII.

D. ROBERTSON OF DRUMACHINE TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DUKE,

I rejoice to hear that your Grace is arrived in Scotland, in good health, which I wish may long continue, for the benefit of your Prince and your Country.

I proposed to have sent Gourdy to wait of your Grace, as he cou'd have given more particular information with regard to the situation of affairs in this Country, than can be contained in a Letter, but as he is not at hand, and that things seem to admit of no delay, I thought it necessary to dispatch this Express.

Before I had a dozen of men to command in this country, I found Strathardle, Strabawn, and some parts of Atholl, so crowded w<sup>th</sup> deserters, that I found it impracticable for me either to confine them or send them to the Army, as I had no prisons, much less troops either to guard or escorte them. As soon as possible, I endeavour'd to secure the passes upon Tay and Tumble, to cut off Intelligence between Inverness and Stirling, and prevent desertion from the troops that came south after the

Prince march'd to England; but the deserters have some time ago found a passage across Loch Tay, where our authority is not as yet establish'd. Upon making this discovery, I got 24 Ranoch men that undertook to do duty in the braes of their own Country, the Route taken by those deserters, and these Ranoch men have already given some proof of their fidelity, but they complain that the command is too weak, as deserters come often in such bodies as they cannot pretend to stop, nor do I know where to find Funds sufficient for the Expenses of preventing this fatal evil. It would take a hundred men for the Braes of Ranoch, and between 3 and 400 more betwixt that and Perth, to guard the Passes, guard the Hanoverian Prisoners, and send deserters to the Army, and perhaps, it would be found by experience that such a Battalion would be usefully employed, provided it were commanded by tolerable Officers; but the misfortune is that there are few well affected Gentlemen remaining in this Country, and I can stir very little, as my health has been daily impairing since I had the mortification to part with your Grace.

Deserters come now to Atholl in such crowds as I am ashamed of; nor can I take any notice of them, my small posse being wholly employed in securing those that propose to go farther north, who cannot be brought again to the Army without great loss of time and money, besides that the Arms they carry with them seldom return. As for our people I believe a few active Officers of each Battalion would soon get them together and carry them to their colours; and then a proper command establish'd in Perthshire might go a great way to keep the Army entire, but, for that purpose I am afraid your Grace's presence would be necessary.

As to private affairs, Kincairney says, he begged your Grace would excuse him from accepting of the Factory, and when I asked Neil McGlashan why he did not begin to levy the rents at the proper time, he told me, he could not act by himself, as he was only join'd in Commission with Kincairney; and I know nobody else in Atholl or the neighbourhood that is capable and would be willing to execute the thing.

I have had no assistance from such Gentlemen of influence as I apply'd; Glenkilry offered me his for raising men, but I had no funds for them.

I hope your Grace will excuse so long a letter, & believe that I am,  
w<sup>th</sup> all Respect,

MY LORD DUKE,

Your G.'s most humble & obed<sup>t</sup>. Serv<sup>t</sup>.

BLAIR CASTLE, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> 1746.

D. ROBERTSON.

CLIV.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

FALKIRK, 11<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>r</sup>. 1746.

DEAR BROTHER,

I have just now a line from Blarfeety, telling me of a great desertion amongst your people; I would gladly hope it is not so bad as he calls it, but I think if the Officers were in their Duty it could not have hapned. I know of but one remedy that can be effectuall, and that is your immediat prefence at home; and, in the first place, to send off to us all the good men that are already gather'd. Those who have gone home without a special licence or Furloff must be exemplarly punish'd, either in their Persons or Effects, or in both, for when our all depends, lenity would be folly. If we can always keep two Batalions of 500 each of the best men it will be very well, & if you will leave it to me, tho' we may have more officers than the number, I will get them named supernumerary, and they shall have pay. A garison of fifty men will be enough at Blair Castle, & a hundred or 150 about your person will be enough till you find it proper to rejoin the Armie, but not to regiment them, only as Independent Companys always to be in the Country; good old men would serve very well for this. I would have you take as few of the Officers as possible amongst with you. Keynachen nor Blairfeety can not possibly be spar'd, but advise with them before you go; and for God's sake, send the men off, if it were by dozens, as quick as you can after you get

to the country. If Rewards and Punishments do not do, I know not what will. By the laws of God and man you have both in your power & in your Person. Doctor Colvile, who is a man of Honour, can be of great use to you, & will never advise but what is right. The above is my Humble opinion, & if you approve of it put it in execution immediately. I ever am,

D<sup>r</sup>. BROTHER,

Your most Affec<sup>t</sup>. Brother &  
faithfull Humble Servant,  
GEORGE MURRAY.

I suppose you will take care to cause list your Rents in Falkland, &c.

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CLV.

D. ROBERTSON TO JAMES ROBERTSON OF BLAIRFETTY, ESQ., MAJOR OF  
LORD GEORGE MURRAY'S REGIMENT.

DEAR SIR,

I am dispatching this Express in a great hurry for the Duke of Atholl, else I had sent to your house to ask the goodwife's commands; your family is all very well, only that some of the children have the Chinkcough. Many of your men are come home, and I am told the rest are to follow soon. I was ordered by the Duke of Atholl to take up and imprison all deserters, but I might as well attempt to remove a mountain, being left here without money, or men capable of being made Officers, I myself being for the most part confined to the house.

I wish to God the Duke of Atholl's best Battallion, as soon as raised, had been left to form a Barrier from beyond the Braes of Ranoch to Perth; it would have saved the exorbitant charge of bringing back the

north country deserters, and the Prince might have marched much sooner and a third stronger into England, which wou'd have had a good effect. Every man that knows the Highlanders might lay his accounts w<sup>th</sup> their marching home after a scuffle, and therefore I am surprized that none of you ever insisted upon taking all manner of precautions for keeping the Army together, without which, making an appearance may be compar'd to a flash of powder, that vanishes in an instant, and scarce leaves a vestige behind it.

I am far from mending in my health since you left the country; I rode about as long as I cou'd, but since Christmas I have been but twice over this door. I am glad to hear that his R: H: and all his gentlemen are in good health and spirits,—long may it continue so. There is but little theft committed in this Country. The Laird of Strowan swears he'll allow none of my men to quarter at Kenloch. There were 4 deserters of Lord Cromarty's men entertain'd by him at Cary sometime ago, and I was told yesterday that he sent a token to the Boatman at Kenloch to ferry them over; but the fellows were afterwards apprehended by the little command at Dalnacardich and sent to Perth. My complements to Kynachan and the rest of our friends. The Ladies and children at Kynachan are all very well, and so are the rest of our friends in y<sup>e</sup> Country. I pray God to bless both Prince & people, and am ever,

D<sup>r</sup>. SIR,

Your affec<sup>t</sup> Nephew & most humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

D. ROBERTSON.

BLAIR CASTLE, Jan: 12<sup>th</sup>. 1746.

I offer my complements to Fascal: I sent for one of his men that return'd home, and ordered him to warn all his brethren in iniquity to make ready to march at a call; he told me they shou'd be all ready. I expect some of you home soon to carry your men back to your colours; had I a sufficient posse and cash, I might have saved you some part of the trouble; perhaps, you'll hear more of this from the Duke of Atholl. Pray let me have your freshest news; meantime, Adieu.

## CLVI.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO LORD GEORGE MURRAY.

DEAR BROTHER,

I received your's of yesterday's date from Falkirk, without a cover, from the Laird of Faskeily, which I sent by valuable Dr Collvill to the Prince, desiring he would let me know his intentions about the contents. His R. H: on the main approves of what you propose; Therefore, God willing, I shall set out accordingly for Perthshire to-morrow, and will omitt nothing can be expected from such an Invalid as I am, who has hitherto spared nothing could possibly advance our Countries interest, as well as the known rights and good of mankind in general. Pray, take care of our young Master's glory, as well as your own and the King's Service, which ought to be dear to all honest men who are above selfish views. I rejoice to see you behave in such a manner as renders brave men dear to, people of virtue and honour, which must make you for ever esteemed by,

DEAR BROTHER,

Your most affectionate Brother  
and Humble Servant.

POLMAISE, 12 *January* 1746.

Till meeting, pray let me hear from time to time how all goes with you, particularly on every extraordinary occasion. Be assured I am no less concerned absent than present, about the valuable safety of all worthy friends and acquaintances.

Excuse me, Brother George, if not writing with my own hand; since feeling you excessive Rheumatick pains has rendered it almost impossible.

This is to be transmitted to you by Major Robertson of Blairphety, who, with you and Kynachan, must be answerable for the pay of Mr. Crooks and other officers, who have been too much neglected, which may be of bad consequence.



## CLVII.

THE DUKE OF ATHOLL TO THE LAIRD OF MONZIE.

SIR,

As I can't conveniently have the pleasure of seeing you at your own house, since it is necessary that we should meet, Pray be so kind as to come in a friendly manner to-morrow morning to Lord John Drummond's house of Farntoun, which is in my way to Blair, where you may have the satisfaction of meeting several wellwishers and countrymen, who are no less yours than,

SIR,

Your most obedient  
Humble Servant,

CREIF, 14 *January*, 1746.

## CLVIII.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

BANOCKBURN, 16<sup>th</sup> *Jan<sup>y</sup>*. 1746.D<sup>R</sup>. BROTHER,

I shall be careful of what you recommend to me by D<sup>R</sup>. Colville, to whom please make my Compliments. We are quite affronted with the scandalous desertion of your men; it was the taking money instead of the best men, which is the occasion of all the evil; for good men once coming out would have been piqued in Honour, and not deserted us on the point of fighting the Enemy. I dare say, I need not say any thing to hasten up the men; you know the vast service it will be to the Cause in general, and I wish you would send them off if it were

but in twentys. We hear the Van of the Enemy came towards Falkirk this day, if they come a little farther forwards, we shall certainly have a Batle. In the mean time, we have bad quarters, litle provissions, and flow advances made towards the Sege of Stirling Castle.

I find the Officers of [your]<sup>1</sup> Batalion will not ferve under Col: Mercer, and his being in that command is given as one reason of their defertion. If you give me leave I shall see to regulat that affair the best way I can. I ever am,

DEAR BROTHER,

Your most affe&c<sup>d</sup> Brother,  
and most humble Servant,  
GEORGE MURRAY.

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CLIX.

COPY OF A LETTER FROM [OLIPHANT OF] GASK YOUNGER,  
TO HIS MOTHER.

The Army march't from a field east of Banackburn, about twelve this day, for Falkirk, where the enemy lay encampt; after we had cross'd the water Carron, and march't up the Hill southweft from Falkirk, we perceived the Enemy marching from their Camp to attack us, we march't up the Hill, and drew up in order of Battle, South and North; the Dragouns, to the number of three or four hunder, were opposite to our right, where Lord George commanded, and was with him Mr. of Strathallan and Cap<sup>m</sup> Harie. We are all perfectly well. We advanced, and the Dragouns advance likewise. The enemy kept up their fire till we were very near them, and we both fired, and immediatly they run for it; there was not above twenty or thirty killed and wounded, and not one of ours killed. They say there was not above a thousand foot of the enemy en-

<sup>1</sup> A word torn off with the seal.

gaged; they were likeways put to the Rout, and about a hunder and fifty killed; they say about thirty of ours, nobody of note killed; but this account of the Battle muſt be imperfect, as we have not had time to know circumſtances. I'll refer that to my next. We took five or ſix Cannon, a great many waggons and baggage. The enemy retired to their camp, we did not purſue them, the men were ſo much ſtraggled. There was great fires in their camp as it begun to turn dark; and upon ſending to Falkirk to inquire, we got intelligence the enemy were marching very faſt out of town toward Linlithgow, and had brunt all their Tents, upon which the army march't into town, where we are juſt now very well. I know not whether we are to purſue them. All friends are well. The Prince was in the ſecond line. I'm ſleepy juſt now, ſo ſhall add no more.

FALKIRK, *Frid: Jan<sup>y</sup> 17<sup>th</sup>, 1746.*

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CLX.

ROBERTSON OF STROWAN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DUKE,

May it pleaſe your Grace, I am order'd to ſtay at home to ſerve the beſt way I can. The Prince has done it. I therefore apprehend all the deſerters that paſs this way. Three of Cromarty's men I ſend to your Grace's diſpoſal, for I have no place proper for priſoners. I am ſorry to ſee that all are Running to the Devill but the Duke of Atholl and the Lord of Str—n;<sup>1</sup> but I am ſorry to hear that ſome of our friends are ſuſpected, to my great ſurpriſe. I deſign to pay my Reſpects to his Grace of Atholl to tell him the opinion his neareſt Relations had of him to the greateſt diſlike to me, & the greateſt diſhonour to his Grace. I am ſorry to find it confirm'd that Carlile is no more our's; and that Stirling, the Town, is abandon'd. I will not pretend to any thing that is your Grace's

<sup>1</sup> Meaning himſelf.

property for so base a reason as that others do so to me. The reason were villainous, and below an honest man. Still I assure your Grace that I am yours far beyond your own pretenders, for I am

AL. ROBERTSON of Strowan.

Your Grace knows my interior, which will ever be what I believe you will ever be, that is, HONEST.

CARRIE, Jan<sup>y</sup>. 18<sup>th</sup>, 1746.

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CLXI.

MERCER OF ALDIE TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DUKE,

Just after I left your Grace, I heard there was a Probability of our having an action with the Enemy, which made me returne; and God be thanked the Prince has gained a very compleat one last night, which would have been still greater, had we have had light to have seen where the enemy retired, which we now understand was with the outmost precipitation, the Horse to Haddington, & the Foot first to Linlithgow, & since we know not. Some Prisoners were taken within a mile of it. Canon, tents, Amunition, Provisions, Prisoners, &c. are taken; and this day it appears a great number of Field Officers are killed on the spot. Lord George gained new Laurels, & the Atholl men behaved very well, except not rallying to pursue the enemy; none of them is wounded, except one of Cusen Fraiser's. I acted only as a volunteer, as your Grace desired I should take no command; I could not comprehend the reason of such a Desire, till within a few days I heard I have been most vilonously aspersed without the least foundation. I would have expected from your Grace's usual Justice to have tolde me what was said of me, and heard me before

you condemned; and I really imputed to a young man's ambition what I am tolde I owe to one incapable of reproof, tho' most egregiously in the wrong, but I shall advise your Grace not to condemn him either till we are face to face, and I am very much,

Your Grace's obedient  
humble Servant,

FALKIRK, *Jan.* 18<sup>th</sup>, 1746.

RO. MERCER.

This goes by Thomas Fraiser, whom your Grace will find the most useful man to inform you of every one man in Atholl fit for bearing arms. I can get no better paper.

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CLXII.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

FALKIRK, 18<sup>th</sup> *Jan.* 1746.

D<sup>a</sup>. BROTHER,

It is with great pleasure I can acquaint you that his Royall Highness has obtained a totall Victory over his Enemies, yesterday, twixt three and four it began: it was on Falkirk Moor, and by reason of the unevenness of the ground, the one wing did not know what passed on the other, and night coming on, it was not possible to rally our men, and pursue so quick as should have been.

However we got into Falkirk before they were quite out of it. We have about 300 prisoners, eight pieces of Cannon, & all their Tents, above a thousand. In short, had others been as soon rally'd (after beating their first onset) as the Atholl men, scarce a man on their side had escap'd; as it is, 500 are kil'd. For God's sake send up our Recrutes.

Your's,

GEORGE MURRAY.

## CLXIII.

DR COLVILL TO SECRETARY MURRAY.

SIR,

The Duke came here Friday evening, & as his Grace is greatly distressed with the Sciatick, he desired me to write & acquaint you that he has met with a very great Disappointment. When the Duke went from home he constituted Factors for uplifting his Rents, &c., upon his arrival expected seven or £800 at least, but not one shilling is raised; and many of the Tenants say they will be unable to pay any rent this year, on account of their serving the Prince. His Grace expecting such a sum at home made him not ask any money for paying the men he was to raise in this country. My L<sup>d</sup> Duke is not only disappointed as to his Rents, but also as to his men in arms, which he expected would have been 500, whereas they are only 200, by reason of want of money to pay more; one hundred of these are employed in guarding the Prisoners, & the rest in guarding Passes for seizing Deferters.

From the information already got, his Grace is in great hopes of raising 5 or 600 Brodalbane men, in order to which, besides money, there is an absolute necessity for 4 or 500 arm'd men, and also some gentlemen that are acquainted in the country to head the men, who, tho' very well inclin'd, will not rise without such: Glenlyon, who headed them anno 1715, would be the person most proper for such an expedition; but, as he is infirm, and as L<sup>d</sup>. Glenorchy has taken care to keep most of the gentlemen of that country constantly about him, the persons thought most proper to be employ'd that way are Capt. Alexander M<sup>c</sup>Nab in the D. of Perth's Regim<sup>t</sup>., Capt. Duncan Campbell of Shians corps, and, as there are several Camerons and the Chamberlain's lady, Lochail's sister, either Lochail or his brother the Doctor. My Lord Duke would willingly have the money and these three assistants as soon as possible, in order to raise more men for the defence of this country, which is now pretty much exposed; and,

as there is no force to hinder L<sup>d</sup>. Lowdon from coming to relieve the prisoners, and seizing the canon, amunition, &c. at Perth, where, as I am told, there are but 50 men left.

From the above you'll easily conceive the Duke cannot send over his own men so soon as was propos'd by 20 or 30 at a time, as they must be first employed in raising the Brodalbaine men.

My L<sup>d</sup>. Duke bids me offer his most humble and affectionate service to you and your Dear Half, to whom I beg leave to offer my most respectful compliments. May Almighty God protect and defend our Dear Prince and his brave loyal army: may it always be victorious!

I have the honour to be, with great esteem and respect,

WORTHY SIR,

Your, &c.

BLAIR CASTLE,  
19<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1746.

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CLXIV.

LORD STRATHALLAN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL:

MY LORD,

Tho' I doubt not but your Grace has got accounts of the victory his Royall Highness has got over the enemy near Falkirk, I send you enclos'd a copy of a letter from Mr. Olyphant Gask's son,<sup>(1)</sup> which is the only sure notice I have yet had of the action, if your Grace has had any later acts. with more particulars, I beg you will be so good as let me know them. The letter is but just come.—I beg your Grace will believe I am, with the utmost esteem and regard,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most faithful and most obedient  
humble Servant,

STRATHALLAN.

<sup>(1)</sup> See No. CLIX.

P.S.—I would have sent the originall letter, being wrote in a hurry, is not very legiball to those that don't know the hand. I shall be glad to hear of your Grace's being in good health.

PERTH, *Jan<sup>y</sup>. 19<sup>th</sup>. 1746.*

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CLXV.

LORD STRATHALLAN TO DR. COLVILL.

SIR,

As there have been pay'd here betwixt two and three thousand men for about ten weeks past, besides a pair shoes to each of them, charges of ropes to cannon sent west, and the makeing intrenchments about the mouth of Perth, with other vast charges, it is not to be supposed there is any money here. I doubted not but the Duke of Atholl would have brought money with him for raising and paying his men, and, if it should be otherways, I see no other way for supplying his Grace but by leveing the land tax, without loss of time, in Atholl, &c. which, the collector says, amounts to seven hunder pounds sterling. The collector was to send a party this week for quartering for it, which shall be done if his Grace is satisfied it should be so; and the only regular way is, that the cess should be sent down to the collector, who only can give rēpts, and, immediatly after, the money will be remitted to his Grace, who will give rēpts from time to time, as his Grace has necessary occasion, and the money can be got collected. I offer my most humble compliments to the Duke of Atholl, and Gask begs his may also be accepted.—I am,

SIR,

Your most humb: Serv<sup>t</sup>  
STRATHALLAN.

PERTH, *Jan<sup>y</sup>. 19<sup>th</sup>. 1746.*



## CLXVI.

SECRETARY MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

BANNOCKBURN, *Jan<sup>r</sup>. 21<sup>st</sup>*, 1746.

MY LORD,

I had a letter last night from Mr. Colville, desiring £500 pound to enable your Grace to bring some people from Broadalbain, together with your own recruits. But, as it is thought absolutely necessary to have up all the men possible in a few days, his Highness does not judge it proper to meddle with the Campbells at this time; but has, nevertheless, sent 300 pound, of which he desires you may be as sparing as possible, the cash being very low, and no prospect of getting more for some time.

It is impossible for me, by reason of the hurry I am in, to write so fully [as] I incline, but have mentioned several things to Mr. Warren; so shall only beg your Gr. may send up men as fast as possible, and believe me to be, with the utmost respect,

Your Gr<sup>ts</sup>. most obt. and most hum<sup>ble</sup>. Servt.J<sup>O</sup>. MURRAY.

## CLXVII.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL

FALKIRK, *21<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>* 1746.

DEAR BROTHER,

You may think me to blame for not writing more fully and frequently, but indeed I am much hurry'd. I again beg & intreat you may

send your men up to us as soon as possible, were it but a hundred or two, for indeed we are quite affronted there being so few left. I have the pleasure to tell you that these few behaved admirably well, and the decision of the battle was much owing to them; for, as they were just behind the Macdonalds, where I was, after we had routed the dragoons, & that the Macdonalds went in sword in hand (which was not in my power to prevent) to destroy them & some Militia, the Atholl men with Shian's kept their line of Battle, always advancing in good order: I then put myself at their head, & advanced forwards & down the Hill, at the same time Lochell's, Clunie's, & the Steuarts of Appine, who had gone down sword in hand amongst the Enemy's Infantry, upon finding themselves outflankt by them, began to retreat, to join those who were at the top of the Hill; I had sent Col: Carr to that side, who bringing up the Pikets that were in the reserve to the left, Lochell and several others gathering together, appeared again above the Enemy, just as I was advancing with the Atholl men, it was then the Enemy made off with so much precipitation and confusion.

You should let every Taxman in Atholl know that if they do not come out at your order, their Tacts are brok, besides destroying all they have.

The Enemy have lost many Officers of distinction: My Compliments to the Doctor, tell him that I have gott such a Chest of Instruments and two of Drugs, that he has not seen the like; they belonged to the Surgone Major. Our people have got abundance of baggage.

I ever am,

DEAR B:

Your most Faithfull Humble

Servant, & affec<sup>te</sup> Brother,

GEORGE MURRAY.

I send you such account of the Battle as has occur'd to me.

## CLXVIII.

MERCER OF ALDIE TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DUKE,

As your Grace desired me, I desired all your Grace's Fewers to meet me here to day, & intimat to them to come to your Grace and pay in their few Deutys; and also tolde them, that they who were able were to attend you to Hosting, Hunting and Warding, if able, and if not, to finde sufficient willing able bodied men to serve in their stead at their charges: You'll see few of them have mett me; however, I believe they will pay their few deutys, but I believe want resolution to do what they ought to do. Your Grace will be the only judge how to use them, and I am, most affectionately,

Your Grace's obedient  
humble Servant,  
RO. MERCER.

CROOK OF DEVAN, *Jan<sup>y</sup>. 22<sup>nd</sup>*, 1746.

## CLXIX.

SPALDING OF ASHINTILLY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DUKE,

I beg your Grace will be pleased to receive a complement, &c. Ever since I went to England I could not have a billet once in ten days, altho' unwell, as I informed your Grace while in Glasco, and I demanded a foreloof,<sup>(1)</sup> which, as Major Ratfon told me, I would have how soon we advanced the length of Stirling; when I came there I sent to the Major to know if I could have one, but received no answer untill Rob. Stewart the agitant<sup>(2)</sup> robed me of my pay, as I refused to deliver it out of my hand. I

<sup>(1)</sup> Viz. a Furlough.<sup>(2)</sup> Adjutant.

know [no] reason for this, seeing I attended and did my duty while I had a man under my command of my own; I may say I had non after ther was an oy<sup>r</sup> joined with me, for at any time I could not have a servant altho' oy<sup>rs</sup> had two who did no duty and were mostly my men. My Lord George desired me to march before y<sup>e</sup> small number of my own remaining; Fafcalie desired me to march with Solrie, and Solrie desired me to march in the rier with his Lieutenant: this disoblged me, but this your Grace knew nowght of; my men was and is willing to follow me, and I am willing to serve the Prince; I am now, (as I got neither Liewtenant or Enfient to assist me, which, with the advices they got, as y<sup>e</sup> men tells me, had [been] y<sup>e</sup> occasion of their deserting, together with double duty,) resolved to place all officers myself, as I have relations of my own who will be as obedient as any your Grace has; but I hope your Grace will send me y<sup>e</sup> money that was taken out of my pocket, and an oy<sup>r</sup> weeks pay, seeing I stay'd and borrowed untill I got my expences in loan from such as came along with me: It is conterary to y<sup>e</sup> Prince's manifesto to refuse me a commission, as I had one from y<sup>e</sup> Usurper, besides y<sup>e</sup> men I brought along, and is a thing your Grace would never have consented too, altho' I had not got a letter, by his Highneses orders from y<sup>e</sup> Secretary, assuring me of his favour. I expect your Grace will honour me with an answer, and am, with the greatest respect,

MY LORD DUKE,

Your Grace's most obedient and  
obliged Ser.

ASHEN. Jan<sup>y</sup>. 22, 1746.

DAN. SPALDING.

· CLXX.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY'S DAUGHTER TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

The inclos'd came here to-day from Papa, and at Mama's desire,

I give your Grace the trouble of a few lines, to enquire about your Grace's health. She has not been well for some days, so hopes to be excus'd for not writing herself, and makes offer of her most affect<sup>o</sup>. compliments to your Grace, as I beg to do of my most humble duty, and am, with the greatest respect,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most dutiful  
and most obedient Niece,

TULLIBARDIN, 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup>, 1746.

AMELIE MURRAY.

Mama has just now received Doct<sup>r</sup> Colvill's letter; she desires her compliments to him, as I do.

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CLXXI.

OLIPHANT OF GASK TO LORD NAIRNE.

MY LORD,

I expected the badness of this day would have stop'd your journey, and did not get out in time to wait of your Lo<sup>p</sup>. I have a letter just now from my wife, telling, L<sup>d</sup>. Monzie was carry'd up prisoner to Blair, and begging you would write to the Duke of Atholl in his favours, that he might not be detained long, as he has been in a very indifferent state of health for some years past. You'll also take the trouble to his Grace, desiring he would send down a sure hand for one hundred and fifty pounds, which is all can be afforded from this till the £700 land tax that's due in the Hylands can be made good. There was a list of the debtors left with Coll. Robertson or Glascloun, and whatever is brought in here, by his Grace's sending a party to quarter on deficients, shall be sent back to his Grace.—I am,

MY LORD,

Your Lo<sup>p</sup>'s most affect. humble Servant,

PERTH, Jan<sup>y</sup> 23<sup>d</sup>, 1746.

LAU: OLIPHANT.

## CLXXII.

ROBERTSON OF BLEATON TO ROBERTSON OF DRUMACHINE.

BLEATON, 23 Jan<sup>r</sup>. 1746.HON<sup>RD</sup>. SIR,

I have intimate my Lord Duke's orders throw all the corners of this country, but, notwithstanding of my endeavors to raise the men in ane amicable way, yet I find it will be impossible to accomplish it without a party, and the name of a party of the Boun Rannach men would do much to bring them to measures; I have, therefore, sent this bearer express, desiring you will immediatly, without loss of time, send east to Kirkmichell 25 or 30 men and ane officer, such as you shall think most proper, where I shall waite of and employ them ag<sup>t</sup>. the refractory, and for gathering up the whole arms can be found in the country. I find it will be impossible to raise a man out of every mark-land, because there are severall ten mark lands in this country that there are not 5 men living upon the ground, and some of these not sufficient for carying arms, and where they are not they cannot be raised; however, I shall doe my utmost to raise every sufficient man for arms upon the grounds, but I am affraid it cannot be accomplished before the latter end of next week, even tho' the party were here already.

I understand that there is 3 q<sup>rs</sup>. Excise due in the parish of Kirkmichell, so if ye please to send me a commission for uplifting the same, I shall doe it and make compt to you, to be applyed to his Royall Highness use as you think proper. If ye have got any further particulars of the Batle, pray be so good as let me heare them.—I am,

H. S<sup>r</sup>,

Your most obedient humble Servant,  
DAVID ROBERTSON.

## CLXXIII.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO LORD GEORGE MURRAY'S DAUGHTER.

DEAR NIECE,

With extreme pleasure & satisfaction I received a mighty well wrote letter from you, which could not but charm me with your endearing merit. I rejoice at being able to congratulate your Mother and you on the glorious share my Brother George has again had in the fresh victory which Providence has given the Prince Regent over his proud Hanoverian enemies. I am sorry to find by your's that your Mother has been out of order some days ; but at the same time glad to know from your messenger that her indisposition ended in being safely delivered of a Daughter, on whose birth I wish all of you much joy. Pray give my Sister my most affectionate Service ; and be assured you shall ever find me with the utmost regard & valuable esteem,

MY DEAR NIECE,

Your most affectionate Uncle,  
& humble Servant.

BLAIR CASTLE, 24 *January*, 1746.

Dear Child, I thank you kindly for enquiring about my health. Since coming here I have been extremely troubled with my long Rheumatick pains, tho' cannot say they are now greater than I have found them of late. Wherefore hopes you'll excuse the not writing with my own hand, since such an uneasy situation renders it hardly possible, as the Bearer, Robert Stuart, who I send to inquire further about my Lady George's health, can more fully inform you.

## CLXXIV.

ROBERT STEUART OF BALLECHIN TO COL. ROBERTSON OF DRUMACHINE.

LAU . . . CLUNEY, 24<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup>, 1746.D<sup>r</sup>. SIR,

I received your's this evening, and yesterday morning I came from Blair in order to meet with the Duke's property, as they appointed the day before, and none of them compeared, and I see there's no doing with them without a party. I came this morning to Killichaffie; he promised to come with his men to morrow morning; and I design to carrie clean before me down Strathtay, and to go with the Strathtay-men down to Tullimet and the Bilhopry, and so on thro' the rest of my distri&. No body knows what it is to raise men but he that tries it; not so much as one of the Gentlemen brought their men, but oblidged me to go myself to raise them; and I am, with my Compliments to your Lady and family,

S<sup>r</sup>.

Your most humble Servant,

ROBERT STEUART.

## CLXXV.

THE DUKE OF ATHOLL TO GLENGARY.

SIR,

The great friendship was between your family and mine, with the long particular esteem and regard I had for your person, makes me lay hold of this occasion by Patrick Maclachen, who goes a purpose, to let you know how sorry I am for the loss of your valuable son, who was lately



most unfortunately killed at Falkirk. The second glorious victory which Providence has given His R. H. over the King's proud Hanoverian Enemies, being in a great measure owing to his and the undaunted bravery of your people, which now wants to be sustained, for their honour as well as the good of our Country, by your presence or one of your Children, makes me hope and intreat, since it's necessary for advancing the common cause, you would soon think of personally appearing to head and hearten them in vigorously asserting the rights and liberties of our King and Country.

Therefore, pray, on such a critical juncture, let nothing possible depends on you be omitted can valuably contribute towards rendering all of us happy, which is earnestly desired and expected you will comply with, by an ever perfect well-wisher, who must be glad of such a worthy opportunity of showing with what unalterable zeal he is,

SIR,

Your most affectionate  
and most humble Servant.

BLAIR CASTLE, 25 *January*, 1746.

Pray give my most affectionate kind service to your Lady, by whom I was most agreeably received when the Prince was at your house. I hope you will excuse the not writing with my own hand, as the bearer can tell you no less severe than continual Rheumatick pains render it almost impossible.

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CLXXVI.

WILLIAM D: OF ATHOLL, &c.  
TO ROBERT GRAHAM OF FINTRY, ESQ<sup>R</sup>.

PLEASE be so good as to deliver to the Bearer, John Murray, my Master of Horse, the minute-book containing a regular Acct: of y<sup>e</sup> Rent

of my whole Estate, and your Intromissions therewith; as also, a Rental of my Estate, and a List of the Rents due by my Tenants, and likewise any other papers in your Custody, which you think may be of any use to me in uplifting my Rents.

This you'll please perform, as you would oblige.

Pray make my kind Compliments to your Lady, and when conveniently possible, let me see you.

*Indorsed "Copy Letter to Fintry at Fowllis,  
dated BLAIR, 25 January, 1746."*

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CLXXVII.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY'S DAUGHTER TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

I have the honour of your Grace's Letter, and Mama and I are extremely sorry that your Grace is still so much indispos'd with Rheumatick pains; we most ardently wish your Grace may soon get the better of that troublesome distemper, and your health be quickly reestablish'd again.

Mama returns your Grace many thanks for your enquiring in so kind a manner about her health; she has hitherto gone on very well in her recovery, as I hope she will continue to do.

My little sister is a fine lively child, and she is to be named Katherine, after your Grace's mother. I would been sure to have writ to your Grace on Thursday morning, to [have] acquainted you of Mama's safe delivery; but I was in a hurry, and did not incline to keep y<sup>e</sup> bearer, with Papa's Letter, till I cou'd get time to do it, so begs you'll be so good as to forgive that omission.

I had a Letter from Papa yesterday, dated the 24<sup>th</sup>, and he was very well at Falkirk; Mama makes offer of her most affect<sup>le</sup> compliments to

your Grace, and please accept of my most humble duty, which, with our best wishes for health and happiness to your Grace, is all from her who is, with the greatest regard and respect,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most obedient

Dutiful Niece, and most

humble Servant,

AMELIE MURRAY.

TULLIBARDIN, 26<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup>, 1746.

CLXXVIII.

DONALD M<sup>c</sup>LAREN, BALQUHIDDER, TO CAPT<sup>n</sup> JAMES STEWART  
OF CLUNES.

D<sup>R</sup> SIR,

I was last night in company with Capt<sup>n</sup> Allan Stewart, of Collonell John Roy Stewart's Regiment, by whom I understand that he goes by the order of His Royal Highness, to raise the Earle of Murray's tenants in a day or two, which would be a proper tyme for you to see us, as the one would be assisting to the other; shall wish you lose as little tyme as possible. How soon you come to the Kirktown of Balquidder I shall expect to see you. Meantyme I am sincerely,

D<sup>R</sup> SIR,

Your most humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

DO : M<sup>c</sup>LAREN.

TOUCH, Jan<sup>ry</sup>. 26<sup>th</sup>, 1746.

P. S. After perusal of the above, destroy same.—Adieu.

## CLXXIX.

LORD STRATHALLAN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY [LORD]

I had the honour of a letter from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, dated the 24<sup>th</sup> curt., in which His Highness desires that the Garrison here of Lord Lewes Gordon's men should be sent up, and that it should be replaced by Atholl men from your Grace. This is therefore desiring, that a hunder and fifty men may be sent as soon as maybe, with proper Officers. The reason I desire this number, tho' the Prince only allowed 100 to be in garrison, is, that they cannot be supported with pay if we get not men to goe in partys thro' this shire and that of Fyfe, for leaving both land tax and excise. It's certain 100 is to smale a garrison for this place, in which is 16 piece of cannon, a great magazine, powder and ball, and about eighty prisoners, and a most disaffected set of villans, both in Town and Country. I hope your Grace will send us of the best meat, with arms and sufficient Officers, which will much oblige. I am with great truth and esteem,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most faithfull

and most obedient humble Servant,

STRATHALLAN.

PERTH, Jan<sup>r</sup>. 27, 1746.

P. S. Gregor Murray is here with thirty men.

## CLXXX.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

FALKIRK, 27<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>r</sup>, 1746.D<sup>R</sup>. BROTHER,

I am quite dispirited by your men's going off and deserting their

coullers ; for God sake make examples or we shall be undone. This goes by Fincaſtle, whoes men are all off; I hope he will be as expeditious as poſſible.

We had a review here this day and made a fine appearance ; it was only thoſe of our firſt line that were at the laſt batle.

The enemy ſay they will be ſoon with us again. I ever am,

DEAR BROTHER,

Your moſt affect<sup>d</sup> Brother,

and faithful Humble Servant,

GEORGE MURRAY.

P. S. Theſe are deſiring Capitan Stewart to goe in all haſt to bring up his men.

GEORGE MURRAY.

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CLXXXI.

THE DUKE OF ATHOLL TO LORD GEORGE MURRAY.

DEAR BRO<sup>r</sup>,

With extraordinary joy & pleaſure I received yours of the 18<sup>th</sup>, giving a ſhort Account of the freſh Victory which Providence has given the Prince over his proud Hanoverian Enemies, who have long ſet themſelves up as violent inſtruments to root out the known principles & Friends of true Honour, Honeſty, & right reaſon in the Brittiſh Dominions. I congratulate his R. Highneſs & You, with all the brave Commanders & Souldiers of the Victorious Army on ſuch a happy event ; may the generous virtue of our young Maſter, with the unbiaſ'd conduct of his well-meaning Followers, always deſerve ſuch ſingular marks of Heaven's protection as we have hitherto experienced ſince ſuch an indefatigable Regent landed in the antient [ancient] patrimony of his Royal Familie.

Whilſt writing what is above, I had from your pretty Daughter, (with accounts of her Mother's being ſafely delivered of a Daughter, of which I

wish you much joy,) your last Letter, with a full account of the second glorious Victory his R: H: has obtained over the King's obstinately rebellious subjects. I am likewise glad to hear from all hands the very considerable part you have had in such a happy event, which I hope will be attended with many consequential blessings; for promoting whereoff, you may be assured, I omit nothing lies in my power can contribute towards advancing the publick Service. God knows what dilatory and imposing evasions one has to struggle with amongst a multitude of refractory people in these parts, but now hopes, tho' with unspeakable difficulty, Fiskeley & Ballechin will at last be able to bring up a considerable recruit of men who have not as yet appeared, with the Deserters, who could not hitherto be sent separately in small numbers. I beg you will present my most dutifull respects to his R: H: who I cannot wait on as I wished, having more than ever been terribly tormented with Rheumatick pains since coming from Bannockburn, insomuch, that I have not been able to go out of my room, & hardly in a condition to rise off the chair I sit on. Pray communicate this to M<sup>r</sup>. Secretary Murray, with my affectionate humble Service to him and his heroic young Lady. Let him know that I had the honour of his with £300 for the Prince's Service, for which I send him here inclosed a Receipt; he may be assured it shall be carefully employed in answering the end for which it was sent me, as every thing else here & elsewhere [that] belongs to me has, and shall be employed, as far as possible, for advancing our King and Country's Service; tho' I gave a factory to Gentlemen here for uplifting my small Rents in these parts before our march into England, yet they did not take any step or pains towards rendering me the least Service, but other people who have now undertaken the same task, I hope, ere long, will fulfill what I expect from them to much better purpose. I can add nothing further here, but God send us soon a happy meeting, being for ever, with perfect Esteem & regard,

DEAR BROTHER,

Your most affectionate

BLAIR CASTLE, 27 January, 1746.

& most humble Servant.

This goes by our good friend Faskeily,—Ballechin has got a handsome Gun for the Prince which was found with some others [that] our unnatural Brother James was at the pains to get hid in a Coal-house at Dunkeld. I almost forgot to tell you that our good friend Dr. Colvill thanks you for your remembrance of him and what regards the Chest of Instruments & medicines, for which he returns you his hearty Service.

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CLXXXII.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO SECRETARY MURRAY.

SIR,

As I am prodigiously distressed with long Rheumatick pains, which renders me almost unfitt for applying to any business, I hope you will be so good as to excuse my not writing a particular return to yours. You have here enclosed a Receipt for the £300 sent by Colonel Warren, to which I can add no more than what my Brother George will communicate to you, except my most dutiful respects to his R. H: and affectionate kind service to your Dear Lady, being with true respect intirely,

SIR,

Your most humble  
& most obedient Servant.

BLAIR CASTLE, 27 *January* 1746.

Received from the Right Honourable Mr. Secretary Murray the sum of £300 Sterling, for subsisting Recruits and others of his R. H.'s Troops in these parts, for which I am to be accountable.

## CLXXXIII.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO THE VISCOUNT OF STRATHALLAN.

MY LORD,

I had the honour of your Lop's. of yesterday's date, demanding from hence 100 men or more to be in Garrison with you, instead of those you have from Lord Lewis Gordon's Battalion, who are called up to the army; which was likewise the Prince's orders to me before I came from Bannockburn. There is great difficulty in raising men here. It has not been hitherto possible to send you any number as intended, but hopes in a few days to send your Lop. 100 effective men till more can be got ready, which shall be done with the utmost expedition. My thirty years absence has in a great measure occasioned the loss of former principles of honour and loyalty which formerly rendered the people of this country estimable. Col: Warren went yesterday from hence to wait of your Lop. Pray let him know what you think proper to inform me of relating to publick affairs, that we may in concert do all lies in our power for advancing the King's Service by keeping the Country in safe and peaceable order. The torment of long Rheumatick pains disables me setting vigorously about any thing, since hardly able to stir out of my chair, Therefore begs you'll forgive me not writing with my own hand, no body being with more perfect Esteem,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's

most Humble &amp;

most Obedient Servant.

BLAIR CASTLE, 28 *January* 1746.

Pray, my Lord, give my affectionate Service to my Cousin the good Viscountess of Strathallan, not forgetting our worthy friends the Laird of Gask and his Lady, who is also much to be honoured for her motherly



virtues. I hope the two Ladies' Sons, Caftor and Pollux, were well when their Fathers heard laft from the army.

## CLXXXIV.

ROBERTSON OF STROWAN TO MR. THOS. BLAIR IN ATHOLL.

SIR,

I had the honour of a Letter from God knows who, and the Lord knows how, but it pretends to have authority to take up the fefs due upon my Lands; however, for anfwer, I tell the Gentleman that my purfs has ever been open at the King's command, and ever will be, but at prefent I am difficulted for mony to fupport the King's affairs, recommended to me by the beft authority. I am alfo in great trouble for the murder committed on the perfon of my nephew, Coll. Macdonell, at Falkirk. His Enemys are too plain to doubt of the authors of the murder, which will furely be taken notice of by the Higheft and Loweft of the Nation. The Gentleman's growing worth made him envyd by Beggars and hated by Traytors, which I never was, but ftill am in the nicety of my duty to the King and all his fubjects,

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AL<sup>R</sup> ROBERTSON of Strowan.

Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>, 1746.

His Grace the Duke of Atholl can tell you how I am affected to mony; and pray tell his Grace, of all his Family I fufpect him moft of worth.

I hope his Grace will pity my condition.

(*Endorsed.*)—Letter with unworthy insinuations from the Laird of Strowan Robertson to Mr. Blair of Glasclune, dated Carie 28, Rec<sup>d</sup>. Blair 29 Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1746.

## CLXXXV.

SPALDING OF ASHINTILLIE TO Dr. COLVILLE.

SIR,

I Received yours Saturday last, and as for answer please know that it was Impossible for me to answer y<sup>e</sup> contents in such a fuden, considering one will not draw Equallie with one another. You may believe they are concealing y<sup>e</sup> armes, which will be found after a search. Some of y<sup>e</sup> defertors would have a second fie, altho' not a one fourtnight from home. Last, I do think there may be two companys raised within y<sup>e</sup> Barrons of Ashintilly and Balmachruchie, without hurting y<sup>e</sup> Laboring much when joined with such as are in y<sup>e</sup> Prince his service already; and by having y<sup>e</sup> assistance of a partie I will double y<sup>e</sup> number I can possibly have willingly, and it is impossible for me to preveal with one of them to quarter on one an ay<sup>r</sup>, altho' they have y<sup>e</sup> Inclination. I would, therefore, The Duke of Atholl would be pleased to order a partie for this Country, which with y<sup>e</sup> greatest submission I humbly beg would be rouled by me, which I think will find armes, men, and money. I compted for all the money I received last, and acknowledged y<sup>e</sup> same to my Colonell; but I am affrighted every one did not so. The Minister possesses a fourt of Dounie. I think it a pitie he should be Exeemed, considering y<sup>e</sup> great opposition he makes, and y<sup>e</sup> corfes he pronounces. Your answer is expected, and am,

SIR,

Your obedient and very faithfull ser.

DAN. SPALDING.

ASHINTILLIE, 28<sup>th</sup>. 1746.

P.S.—Excuse paper.

## CLXXXVI.

ROBERTSON OF BLEATON TO DR. COLVILLE.

SIR,

I had a letter from Drumachine, sabath laft, Defireing me to march the firft and readyeft of the men of this country this Day, and that he had fent for a party of the Brae of Rannoch men to bring up the reft, upon which I conveened betwixt 40 and 50 of them, and was come this length this day on purpofe to be at Blair w<sup>t</sup> them to-morrow morning.

But Major Rattray has juft now brought me a verbal commiffion from the Duke not to come forward with a fmall part of them, but to ftay and bring up the whole, altho' it fhould take three or four days longer. I thought fitt to obey the Major's orders, as I would wifh to bring up the heall in a body, but have run this Exprefs to tell you that it is Impoffible for me, or any perfon elfe, to near do the thing without a party. Therefore I hope ye will fhew this to his Grace, that he may Immediately order a partie here, and I fhall give a very good account of the country in a few days. I would certainly come forward with what I had ready, had I not got the above new commiffion by Major Rattray; and if ye think it amifs that I have ftayed, I fhall, upon receipt of your anfwer, march up what is ready.

There is one thing ye will mind in your anfwer, which is Defireing I fhould bring up the late Affhintylie men w<sup>t</sup> the reft, for if they be referred to his worthlefs baftard fon, his mother and he will fpoil the whole affair by pretending to have the only power of them by which they are taking bribes or compliments to pafs fome of them, which I do not like. I wait your anfwer and the party, and am,

SIR, w<sup>t</sup> Esteem,Your moft humble Serv<sup>t</sup>,

DAVID ROBERTSON.

P.S.—If there be not a party of Rannoch men at hand, you may advise to fend a few of the country men, for I am hopeful that the name of a party may do the thing.

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CLXXXVII.

MERCER OF ALDIE TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MEIKLEOUR, *Jan<sup>ry</sup> 29<sup>th</sup>*, 1746.

MY LORD DUKE,

I arrived here last night, when I found my family all very well, and have sent this to know if your Grace has any command for me, and when you intend your men should march south. I expected to have heard from my Lord George when at Aldie, in case there was likely to have been any other engagement; but I reckon the Hanoverians have got enough for some time, at least till they are reinforced. My wife and family offer their most humble service to your Grace; and I am, most affectionately,

Your Grace's

Most obedient and

most humble Servant,

RO. MERCER.

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CLXXXVIII.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO CAPT. THOMAS FERGUSON OF BALEYEUKAN,  
AND CAPT<sup>n</sup>. JAMES ROBERTSON OF KILICHANGIE.

*January 31<sup>st</sup>*, 1746.

GENTLEMEN,

I have seen some of your Letters to Colonel Robertson, and am extremely surpris'd any of you should be the least refractory or dilatory

in going to join our Prince, from whom I had the honour of a Letter this day, ordering me, without loss of time, to send up all the men ought to go out from this Country. In obedience to his Royal Highness' commands, I have sent off all the men that were ready; and last night I desired Colonel Robertson to order you, after delivering the prisoners at Dunkeld, to march directly to the Army with your men, tho' you should have but thirty of them. I here again repeat these my orders, which, if readily obeyed as necessarily required, you may easily overtake Faskelly & Ballechin, and go with them to the Camp of our brave Countrymen. I therefore expect your immediate compliance as you are friends to honour and honesty, and as you expect to be esteemed or regarded by [&c.]

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 CLXXXIX.

SPALDING OF GLENKILRIE TO D<sup>R</sup>. GEORGE COLVILLE.

GLENKILRIE, 31<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>r</sup>, 1746.

D<sup>R</sup>. SIR,

I had the pleasure of 2 or 3 letters from you lately by the Duke of Atholl's orders about the raising of the Strathardle men to go to Perth. Bleaton would have been at Blair Castle some days ago w<sup>th</sup> a part of the men, had not the first orders been countermanded by a message from his Grace, p<sup>r</sup> Major Rattray of Corb:—Your last letter only came to my hands this day about 11 o'clock, where Bleaton & some o<sup>r</sup> Gentlemen and I was convincing the men to be sent forward to Perth; & I hope we shall send forward this night the number his Grace appoints, & the rest as soon as possible, either voluntarily or by party [as] they can be raised; and I hope the most part will be got raised voluntarily, so that a small party, with what we shall join to them, will serve to raise the Refractory.

As the Duke of Atholl's Command was always very agreeable to me, so at this Juncture nothing in my power shall be wanting to serve his Grace, and the good Cause he is engaged in. As to what you mentioned in one of your former letters w<sup>th</sup> respect to my assisting Daniell Spalding, a son of Ashintillies, & John Spalding, a son of Whitfield's, in raising the men, I have given assistance, and shall continue to do; but as to Daniell Spalding, and his accomplice's behaviour and conduct in raising the men, rather retards than forwards the matter, of which his Grace will soon be informed. There are several country gentlemen that have agreed to go along with the men, which I think would be best for keeping the men out, but if any of them does not incline to go, his Grace shall be acquainted, that he may appoint o<sup>th</sup>er Officers in there place.

As to my going to Perth, I never heard a word of till this day: I must consult both my health and capacity to manage such an affair, being an old man; but so soon as I see all the men here out, I shall wait of his Grace at Blair Castle. I have thoughts to send my son to Perth after the men, tho' he be but young, yet his presence there may be of use to keep the men I am most concerned with together. Please show this to his Grace, untill I have the honour of seeing him.—I am,

D<sup>R</sup>. S<sup>R</sup>.

Your most faithful and affectionat  
humble Servant,

AN: SPALDING.

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CXC.

ROBERTSON OF BLEATON TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DUKE,

The bearer, Robert Stewart, came to me yesterday w<sup>th</sup> your Grace's

orders about marching the men of this Country directly for Perth. I likewise received a Letter from Doctor Colvill w<sup>th</sup> the same directions, and that I would sett out w<sup>th</sup> them this day; but as (upon your Grace's verball commision by Major Rattray, not to come up w<sup>th</sup> any part of the men till the whole were ready) I had disperced those I had ready, till there would be a party sent to bring up the whole; it will be impossible for me to geather them so as to march this day, but, God willing, I shall sett out to-morrow. But I wish there had been a party sent before I left the country; however, I shall make use of what I have already risen, by way of partie, on the rest of the country, till I make out 100; and so soon as I sett out, shall send an exact list of those that marches w<sup>th</sup> me, that your Grace may know how to send up the deficiencies when the partie comes. There is three or four Gentlemen in this country that are ready to joyn us by my persuation; and I wish that any vaccancie among their own countrymen were kept for them, rather than bestowed on strangers like George Scott, as your Grace has ordered, as it would be the best way to keep out the men to have their own country Gentlemen w<sup>th</sup> them.

I hinted in my letters to Drumachine and the Doctor, that Ashintullie's naturall son, if he had any power given him, would spoil the raising of his father's men, for his mother and he takes compliments from some, and others are not willing to follow him, as I most really say he is but a worthless drunken fellow; and as far as his advise will go, will not allow any to march w<sup>th</sup> me untill he be ready, which will not be on heast; he is the only man gives me disturbance, and had it not been for him, I had had a 100 ready ere now; your Grace may do in this as ye see proper, I take the freedome to subscribe, w<sup>th</sup> veneration and esteem,

Your Grace's most humble and most  
obedient Servant,

DAVID ROBERTSON.

## CXCI.

GEORGE SCOTT TO DR. COLVILL.

HON<sup>D</sup>. SIR,

I had yours of the 30 last this afternoon; I went to Strathardle on Wednesday, and came to Blairgowrie last night, w<sup>th</sup> the men who went for Perth this day, before I left that place: you have the list inclosed. You'll cause the partie that goes for that country make diligent searck for arms, I am informed there is upwards of a hundred stand of arms in that place; there was not above three muskets and fix swords amongst those that went for Perth. Let them be spared no further than the list agrees w<sup>th</sup> the merk-lands; they are a stubborn pack and deserves no mercy; there's plenty of men in the country, but will not draw without a party of strangers, which I belive will do. I cannot say any thing concerning our Dunkeld company, as haveing only come to town this afternoon, but will see you, God willing, on Wednesday. I hear Captain M<sup>c</sup>Kewan is to beat up on Tuesday, and as he has got the Straithbran men out of Cap<sup>t</sup>. Stewart's company, I suppose he will be allowed to keep none of the Dunkeld men in his:—I intend to be busie amongst them to-morrow.

My Father and all here offer their humble duty to you.

I am,

HON<sup>D</sup>. SIR,

Your faithfull and obedient Ser<sup>vt</sup>.

GEO. SCOTT.

DUNKELD, 1 *Febr.* 1746.

We hear there are a great number of carts comes this day to Perth—Arms, Amunition, Money, &c.



## CXCH.

C. STEUART OF BALLECHIN TO DR. COLVILLE.

BALLECHIN, 1<sup>mo</sup> Feb. 1746.

SIR,

This evening, after my Sone's goeing off with what men he gott, I'm informed that he came but litle speed in his Grace's Barony of Tullimet, and I'm fory I did not know so much of the story before he went off, who I'm confedent was faithfull and true in so far as he cou'd be informed about them; but I'm affraid such as were recommended to inform him (he being an intire stranger to them) has been very unfair in not letting him know a fair state of what men were possessors there. My informer tells me he was not acquainted, nor ever brought in his sight the best men, and made him believe there were few or no men fit for the service in all Tullimet, which made my Son very uneasie; and I'm informed there are a parcell of pretty fellows there, &c. which is a shame, and Mr. Low, &c. were much to blame. I'm much vexed about this, it being entrusted to my son, who I'm perswaded, tho' he gott but few men, yet took no sinistrous or unfair ways. This brings me on to what he told of a great many of them, their producing Receipts for money paid for men they shoud have sent out. This, indeed, is a hard case; but I think it my duty to offer to his Grace my humble opinion as to this point, which is, in short, to allow such of the Tennants as paid money what his Grace thinks fitt; for, if things goe right, as I hope by God's assistance they will, his Grace, or any other from whom these Receipts are, will never miss it, and if otherways, as God forbid, no matter of the allowance. So if his Grace thinks this proposal right, as I'm informed, there might be raised severall pretty fellows, which 'tis a pity to keep att home, providing proper persons be employed that knows the men: they were so cunning, that I'm certainly informed of some old men they brought to my Son, who had young sturdie fellows to their sones; but let my Son know nothing

of it, I hope you'll not make use of my name to none but his Grace, whose, as ever formerly,

I am, and

Your most humble and obed<sup>t</sup>. Serv<sup>t</sup>.

CHARLES STEUART.

CXCIII.

MR. JA : SCOT TO DR. COLVILLE.

DUNKELD, 1<sup>st</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup>y 1746.

HON: SIR,

This serves to acquaint you that the Prisoners that were at Logy-reat came here yesterday, and are all lodg'd in our Castle, and the Gentlemen, Sergeants, and Corporals, are sent there this day; they went off at Coll: Warren's fight a little after mid-day. My Son is not yet return'd; but a Strathardle man, now here, tells me Bleaton and his men were to be this night at Blair-Gowrie, and Geordie along with them, but could not tell what number he had got. I'm sorry to hear from Captain Buchanan, that my Lord Duke continues ill of his Rheumatism, and pray God send him a speedy recovery. The Capt<sup>n</sup> offers his Complements to you, as all here do.—I am, with all sincerity and regard,

DEAR DOCTOR,

Your most faithful Servant,

JA: SCOT.

Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1746.

2<sup>d</sup> about 10.

Before this comes to your hand, I hope you'll have a real return to yours I was honoured with about 3 this morning; Capt<sup>n</sup>. M'Ewan was here just now, and proposes to be a piece on his road this night, with 120

Grantully and Strathbran men, and expects a good many more this week ; we have yet had no acc<sup>ts</sup> of George. This comes by Fintry's fervant.

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CXCV.

ROBERTSON OF BLEATON TO DR. COLVILL.

SIR,

I fend you inclosed, by Mr. Scott, a list of all the men that has marched w<sup>th</sup> me from our country to Perth ; and altho' there is not the number desired, viz. a hundred, yet I believe I may say there are more than any of your Atholl Gentry raised without any sort of a party. I tryed to make the men I first raised serve for a party to raise as many as would compleate the number ye desired, but it would not do. It most be strangers that will make out the thing, so I hope ye will send a party to bring up the rest effeiring to the merk-lands in each ground ; for altho' I was oblidged, to please them, (or I had gote none at all) to give a kind of avideamus, (which they took as a protection,) that so many of them had sent out a man out of such a ground, ye are to give orders to the officer of the party not to notice my lines further than they agree to my inclosed list, and to the merk-lands in each Gentilman's ground. I have likeways sent you a list of all those that have men in the Campe, so far as I can remember, when I left them. I wait the Duke of Atholl's further orders at Perth, by the bearer, as ye desired, and am, w<sup>th</sup> esteem,

SIR,

Your most humble Serv<sup>t</sup>.

DAVID ROBERTSON.

BLAIRGOWRIE, 1<sup>st</sup> February, 1746.

P.S.—The protections I left in the country will only construe *pro tanto*. I expect some to overtake me this day, that will make out 50, being only 41 men w<sup>th</sup> me just now.

LIST OF MEN THAT MARCHED W<sup>T</sup>. BLEATOWN FROM STRATHARDLE,  
1<sup>ST</sup> FEBERUARY 1746, AND FROM WHOM THEY WERE SENT.

2. John M<sup>c</sup>kenzie and Alex<sup>r</sup>. Ayfone, for Glenbeg.
4. John Grant and Alex<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>c</sup>kenzie, from Dallhangan.
6. Lachlan M<sup>c</sup>Intosh and John Fergusone, from the ground of Dal-  
mungie.
7. William Robertson, from the Cams.
8. William M<sup>c</sup>Intosh, from ground of Runavey.
9. John Lyon, from the ground of Bruchdarg.
10. William Lyon, from the ground of Cray.
11. Archbald Grant, from Binzian beg.
12. Thomas Douglass, from Kerrow.
14. Thomas Rattray & Pecter Ferguson, from east<sup>r</sup> Bleatown; the Dif-  
ficients in that ground lys upon Da: & Thomas Fleemings.
13. Thomas Scott, from Dirnanain.
14. Andrew Small, from Dalreach.
16. Duncan Scott and Charles Frazer, from Inverchroskie.
17. Ja M<sup>c</sup>Dougall, from the ground of Cullalonie.
19. John Pettrie and John Doulich, from Stronamuck.
20. Alex<sup>r</sup>. Doulich, from Lair.
22. John Campbell and John Fergusone, from Blackcraig.
24. Patrick Stewart and Alex<sup>r</sup>. Fleeming, from Dalriltzian.
25. Malcomb Reid, from the ground of Straloch.
26. Da: Pantons, from the ground of Wester Callie.
27. Walter Kinnafon, from the fix merk Land in Minnach.
28. John M<sup>c</sup>Lauchlan, from the Barron's ground.
30. John Ferguson & William Lesley, from the ground of Whitefeild.
31. Finlay M<sup>c</sup>Dougall, from Easter Downie.
33. James Falconer & Thomas Melvill, from Wester Bleatown.
34. Angus M<sup>c</sup>Donald, from Thomas Rattray there.
35. Robert Fergusone, from the ground of Ashintully.

- 37. Alex<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>c</sup>Nab & Alex<sup>r</sup>. Robertfon, from Soilrzies ground.
- 39. James Rattray & John Spalding, from Ennoch.
- 40. Duncan M<sup>c</sup>Grigor, from Ja: Robertfon in Ballachragan.
- 41. William Robsfone, from Jo: Small in Kirkmichaell.

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CXCV.

COLONEL WARREN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

PERTH, 1<sup>st</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup>. 1746.

MY LORD DUKE,

I am greatly concerned to tell you that I find, by a friend of mine juft come from the Quarters, that his Royal Highnefs intends a retreat, and that things are ordered to carry of all our implem<sup>ts</sup> to the Hills. The ennemy is greatly increafed, and the young man<sup>1</sup> come from London; our battery was difmounted, and a fixteen and 2 twelve brafs pounders demolished. I fhall tell your Grace all y<sup>e</sup> particulars at meeting, w<sup>ch</sup> fhall be, pleafe God, in 2 or 3 days.

I am in vaft hurry, feeing, on my arrival here, orders iffued for 200 horfes to be ready to-morrow. I fhall part this night for Drummond Caftle, to confer w<sup>th</sup> the Duke of Perth, who's come there to order what may be neceffary.

I fhall proceed to-morrow to y<sup>e</sup> Quarters, and thence back to your Grace; Heaven grant I may bring you an account of a complete victory! tho' I doubt our ftanding the chance of one!

This goes by an exprefs Mr. Blair and Gourdy fend you. They have not been able to raife a farthing; and, as the Glenammon men are come back, I have left this moment a written order with Coll. Creighton to march to-morrow for the Quarters w<sup>th</sup> his eighty men; w<sup>ch</sup> Lord Strathallan has agreed to, tho' he apprehends Capt<sup>n</sup>. Anderfon's 40 men, and

<sup>1</sup> The Duke of Cumberland.

y<sup>e</sup> Glenammon 30 men are an insufficient garrison, but I have assured him there will be 50 Strath Earl<sup>1</sup> men here to-morrow night.

I hope your Grace will excuse the hurry I am in, having so many things to mind, nor paper or time to write your Grace as I would wish.

I entreat what I here mention may ever be kept secret, as the affair was in that manner disclosed to me; so pray cancell this when read, and let no soul know the contents; I could almost even except my worthy friend Doc<sup>r</sup>. Colvill, mais il est prud<sup>t</sup>. & sage, but it must not appear even on his countenance.

It is needless, I hope, to tell your Grace how much and how gratefully

I am Yours.

P.S.—I saw the Serjeants leave Dunkeld under a guard before I came away.

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CXCVI.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO BORLUM & BALNESPIC.

[BLAIR, 1st February, 1746.]

GENTLEMEN,

Having had the Honour to accompany his R. Highness the Prince Regent in his Marches thro' Scotland & England, since his arrival at Stirling, I came here to raise our Master's Men in these parts, for the service of our King & Countrey, where violent Rumatick pains has long detained me. I had the pleasure to meet at Down 250 fine Fellows of your loyal Clan in their way to join the Prince: shurly there must be near double that number still at home, for I think there were 600 of your name assembled in the year 1715.

I hope, Gentilmen, there's no need of arguments to animate you to

<sup>1</sup> Strathardle.

join heartily in a Cause where the Rights of our Prince, and all that's dear to men of honour, are at stake: You know the late Borlum commanded your Clan, Anno 1715, and it would give much pleasure to every honest Scotsman, & me, to see his Son & Heir active in the just Cause for which he was a sufferer. You know that Stron's company was always reckoned the Grave Vratich, or stoutest company of the M<sup>c</sup>Intoshes; since Stron himself is out of the Kingdom, you may be sure it would give great satisfaction to men of true honour in seeing Balnespig bravely asserting our King & Country's Cause at the head of that Company.

I had yesterday the honour of a Letter from his Royal Highness ordering me, without loss of time, to send up all the men I could possibly rise, for his Highness expects soon another visit from the Enemy; you may believe I will use the utmost Diligence in obeying such a message; and from the character I have of you both, I persuade myself you will likewise use the utmost expedition in hastning up with all the assistance you can, for enabling the Prince not only effectually, but also with ease, to give the finishing stroke to his just and glorious Undertaking.

I herewith send you a printed account of the late Victory with which kind Providence has favoured our young Master; having nothing further to add, but you shall allway find me, with perfect esteem & regard,

GENTILMEN,

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CXCVII.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO<sup>1</sup> [COLONEL MERCER.]

SIR,

Since our parting at Bannockburn, yours of the 29<sup>th</sup> is the third Letter which I had the pleasure to receive from you. The two former, as I imagined you were every day to pass the Forth, were not answer'd,

<sup>1</sup> This letter has no address, but it seems to be an answer to No. CLXXXVII.

not knowing well where you was to be found. After giving me an agreeable account of our young Master's late victory at Falkirk, where it seems you luckily happened to be present, on which happy event I heartily congratulate you, with all the brave Gentlemen who had a share in gaining that battel, I am very glad you found your Lady & family well at meeting; pray give my affectionate service to her & all the pretty Children. I hope Mr Laurence is now grown strong, & able for a less fatiguing Campaign than our last. I am sorry to tell you, that, instead of Three or four Regiments which this Country should have set out, there is now hardly men enough together to make up one. As for me, did my health permit, I would quit the Country intirely, and leave it to the Prince to send who he pleases to use them with the utmost rigour such singularly refractory & chicaning people deserve; which I find good usage cannot do effectually, to the shame & disgrace of such mean spirited successors, as the former brave people in Atholl have now shown themselves in a most pitiful manner, to their own dishonour, besides the scandalous detriment which the necessary Service of their King & Country suffers, by having no valuable regard for posterity, or their own lasting happiness; from which you may easily see of how inconsiderable use you, or any of us can be at present amongst them, when expecting effectually to raise men as formerly, they having lost the ancient unanimous Sentiments of our brave honest Countrymen.

Imagine, then, if I am not sorry since disabled from saying any thing more to the purpose about many of such men of all ranks as ought to be a considerable support & honour to me, as well as to our long distressed & much abused nation. Therefore 'am forced thus to conclude, being, with perfect Esteem,

DEAR SIR,

Your most affectionate Cousin,

And most Humble Servant.

BLAIR CASTLE, 1 February, 1746.

Your Messenger has not been long detained, and is paid his Journey. I am very glad to hear that my Lord Nairn's hand is much better than it



was, which ere long may enable him to take the field again. Some days ago Major Rattray told me that you and he might be able to make up together near a Regiment in the parts where you live, since he was sure of getting at least 100, if not more than 200 men for his share, which, if soon done, might do much honour to both of you.

## CXCVIII.

THOMAS BLAIR OF GLASCLUNE AND CHARLES STEWART OF GOURDIE  
TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

Agreeable to your Grace's instructions we set out for Blairaugon, with 30 Glenamond men very indifferently arm'd, but instead of meeting with any of your Grace's Vassals or Tenants, we found the country quite deserted, and except Solfigraith not one appeared; we understood by him and such others as we cou'd confide in, that severals had withdrawn themselves on purpose to raise the country, and bring what troops they cou'd find on the coast upon us, which made us retreat after fix at night as prudently as we cou'd. We brought off twelve oxen belonging to one of the greatest offenders, which wait your Grace's orders here, and about four pound in money. Since we came here it's thought proper to employ the party as part of the garrison of this place, which your Grace will understand by Mr. Warren's Letter, who is just now going for Crieff; and though that were not the case, we begg leave to think, we cannot effectually promote your Grace's intrest at Falkland, or any where else, under a party of 150 men, which will require some time to spare that number from this place; meantime we wait your Grace's further instructions here, and are, with the profoundest respect,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most obedient humble Serv<sup>ts</sup>,

THO. BLAIR.

CHARLES STEWART.

PERTH, 1<sup>st</sup> Febr<sup>y</sup> 1746.

## CXCIX.

ALEXANDER M<sup>C</sup>GILVRAY, COLONEL OF THE M<sup>C</sup>INTOSHES,  
TO CO<sup>L</sup>. ROBERTSON OF DRUMACHINE.

DEAR SIR,

I'm juft now come here from Stirling in purfuit of feveral deferters from our Corps, who I'm affured have made their efcape by the bridge of Kynachan, which might be very well prevented had there been a proper guard appointed there. The defertion is now become fo general, that all endeavours muft be ufed to prevent it, oy<sup>r</sup>wife it muft be of fatall confequence, fo that if many of them are not brought back and made Examples of, I'm afraid our army will in a fhort time be too thin. I hope you'l reprefent this to the Duke of Atholl, that a ftop in fome meafure be put to this growing Evil. Delnakairdach and the bridge of Kynachan fhoud at any rate be taken care of. I doubt not but you'l ferioufly confider of this, & believe me to be,

DR. SIR,

Your moft obedient faithfull  
humble Servant,

ALEX<sup>R</sup>. M<sup>C</sup>GILLVRAY.

COISHAVILE, 2 *ffeb<sup>r</sup>*. 1746.

Permitt the bearer, Duncan Campbell, to pafs to Blair of Atholl unmolefted.

ALEX<sup>R</sup>. M<sup>C</sup>GILLVRAY.

To all concerned.

CC.

ADAM FERGUSSON MINISTER OF MOULINE<sup>1</sup> TO COL. ROBERTSON  
OF DRUMACHINE.

SIR,

I had Information from two different Hands, about four or five weeks since, that a party was to be sent to my House, from Blair or Logierate, to search or rifle at large; the Informers could not distinctly assure which or if both. I would not allow myself to believe the last; and had nothing to object to the narrowest search. Nor could I have excepted to the forgoing of Horses, Arms, Horse furniture, or things of that sort, as being a suspected person. But nothing happened till yesternight, about eight o'clock, that a party of a sergeant and eleven or twelve men, who first called themselves Brae Athol men, but afterwards acknowledged they were Camerons, came from Blair Athol, where they have been for two or three Days before; alleging a written order for violence against my person and effects. And indeed they exercised it upon both. They did not indeed show any order, and I cannot believe they had any such one as they executed. They plundered and carried off my silver watch, all the money I had (which was but little) some of the most valuable of my wife's silks and other cloaths, all the best and finest of our Table Linnen, Bed Linnen, and Body Linnen, of all which we were very well provided. We have not had Time yet to draw out a Note of the particulars; only in general my Wife says, They have carried off to the Value of between thirty and forty pounds sterling. If it is possible they have had, (I don't say orders) but even allowance of any General Officer for this behaviour, I have nothing to say, and will not complain. And if they had not, I hope it will not be impracticable to order and enforce restitution of the most valuable effects: and this I presume will be the easier effectuated, that they have I am told returned to Blair. If they had con-

<sup>1</sup> The father of Dr. Adam Fergusson, author of the History of the Roman Republic, &c.

tented themselves with what Cheefes, Beef, Honney, Ale and Whisky, they consumed and carried off; or even with Body Linnens, Shoes, Stockens, it might have been thought tolerable, but to go the Length they did showed an over rapacious disposition, and is what I am well convinced Lochiell would as little allow or approve of as any man alive. I am much of Opinion That no Protection would have availed anything with people in their way. But as they have begun violence not only against my effects, but person, I believe I must apply, and shall be obliged to you for a pass to travel out of the country, to where I may be more safe, till the present troubles be at an end. It is like if I am out of the way my Wife and children may meet with some Indulgence upon the Score of her Friends, and that they will look more after her safety, Whatever happens, I hope and have hitherto felt, That God who in his wife and good providence sees meet to measure out to me some share of Sufferings, will enable me to bear them with christian patience and resignation.

I beg you make my compliments acceptable to Mr<sup>s</sup>. Robertson, whom I heartily wish well. My wife, who goes to make her moan to the Duke of Athol and you, will deliver her own to your Ladye. I am, with sincere Esteem and Affection,

SIR,

Your most humble Servant,  
ADAM FERGUSSON.

MOULINE, Feb<sup>y</sup> 3, 1746.

P. O. There was upwards of ten ells uncutt cambrick, and several other Things not named, carried off in y<sup>e</sup> plunder.

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CCI.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

DEAR BROTHER,

It is very difficult to offer advice at such a juncture;—by some fatall mistake a very precipitat retreat was made from Stirling, which

incourages our Enemys, and dispirits our friends. I goe with a colom by the foot of the mountins northward, and his Royal Highness goes by Dalnacardoch. Gladly would I have had a stand made in Atholl, and offered to do it with two thousand men. I own, in your case, I think if you have two or three hundred men of your own, you might stay at Blair Castle till a very great body of the Enemy, (which I suppose would not be in heaft,) were in your neighbourhood; and without cannon nothing could hurt you. The roads near Dunkeld, and the pafs of Gillycrancky and some other partes could be so demolished in a few houres that cannon could not pafs for severall days;—at worst you could make your retreat the hill way to Ruthven, and join your friend without danger, suppose the enemy were very near you. This, I think, would be honourable for you, and of use to the service; but it is with great submission I offer my opinion. I take my batalion with me; you will have Lord Nairn's, and as many of your other men as you can. I ever am,

DEAR BROTHER,

Your most affect. Brother,

& faithfull humble Servant,

GEORGE MURRAY.

*Indorsed, "Letter from Lord George Murray  
dated Perth, & Rec<sup>d</sup>. by Glasclune at Blair,  
4<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup>. 1746."*

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CCII.

MR. SCOT TO MR. WILLIAM FLEMYNG.

*Feb<sup>y</sup>. 4<sup>th</sup> [1746.]*

DEAR SIR,

Last night I had yours amidst a great throng of very unwelcome guests; our house was then like a beehive, as it is now. My heart is like to break, but grieved for none so much as my dear master the Duke, whom God Almighty support and protect. I gave Johnie Fence's Master

as usual, my kind respects to the Dr. and tell him I only got his of Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> at six last night, but had no time to write. I believe the horses were sent off in time, and I suppose the groom carried w<sup>th</sup> him your saddle. I bid the carrier take only 1 peck or 2 of salt. I paid M<sup>rs</sup>. Murray her £12, who gave the Duke a thousand blessings, and was to write a letter of thanks in French with her own hand. I have paid about £4 to servants, for q<sup>ch</sup> I sold malt. I hope to be soon in a condition to give up my accounts, tho I'm much afraid of seeing our old neighbour this very night, of whom I expect little friendship. The Duke's house and stables were throng last night, as was all our town. You and all with you have a large share in my good wishes, and may God direct and preserve you all. Adieu.

I just now hear there's a young lafs of our place kill'd accidentally by a Highlandman's gun.—Pray destroy this line.

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CCIII.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

COUPAR [ANGUS,] 5<sup>th</sup> Febr. 1746,  
*early in the morning.*

DEAR BROTHER,

I'm sorry to let you know that there is great desertion amongst your men; had some examples been made at home it might have been prevented. I shall be glad to hear from you, which you may do by sending thro Brea of Marr to Aberdeen or Strathbogie. I wish we had made a stand near Crieff, for I scarce think the enemy would have attempted any thing this winter had we done so. I always am,

DEAR BROTHER,

Your most affect. Brother,

and your most humble Servant,

GEORGE MURRAY.

## CCIV.

JAMES ROBERTSON OF KILLICHANGIE TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,

In obedience to your Grace's orders I have gather'd together some men, but, hearing of this retreat, they are all disperfed, and the will of man will not carrie them out without ftrangers to raife them, and till further orders from your Grace I can doe nothing, fo I hope your Grace will acquaint me how to behave. I am,

Your Grace's moft obedient  
and humble Servant,

KILLICHANGIE, 5<sup>th</sup> February, 1746.

JA: ROBERTSON.

## CCV.

THE EARL OF KILMARNOCK TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DUKE,

At my arrival here, I found the order your Grace was fo good as to fhew me at Blair for your people to rife and attend you. Robertson, who is landlord here, and well-affected both to your Grace and his Royal Highnefs, is fending about the copys, but affures me that they will not have near the Effect that the Crofstarie<sup>1</sup> itfelf will, and that the Crofstarie muft come from your Grace's own hands. I beg leave, therefore, to join with Monfr le Marquis D'Aiguille to apprifè your Grace of this, and to pray your Grace to fend the Crofstaries to the different proper places without a moment's delay, as the approach of the Enemy admits not of the leaft. That there may be none of our fide, I have taken the liberty

<sup>1</sup> *Crosstarie*, or *Croishtarich*, the fire-cross, or signal of war, sent round for raising the country.—See Jamieson's Dictionary.

to acquaint your Grace of this the moment it comes to my ears, as in those cases there must be no difference between night and day.

I beg your Grace will believe me with the most profound Respect,

MY LORD DUKE,

Your Grace's most

DALNACARLOCH,<sup>1</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup> 5<sup>th</sup>, 1746,  
7 in the evening.

obedient humble Servant,  
KILMARNOCK.

CCVI.

THE DUKE OF ATHOLL TO THE EARL OF KILMARNOCK  
AT DALNACARDICH.<sup>2</sup>

MILOR,

Je n'ay pas eu l'honneur de votre Lettre datté d'hier au soir jusqu'à une heure après midy, celluy qu'il la rendue à disparu sur le Champ, ainssy il a falut trouver un autre personne pour Envoyer à votre hote Mr Robisson avec la Crostarré, qui part d'ycy a trois heures; ainssy dans le cas, n'étant que sept milles d'ycy, je compte quelle fera rendue ce soir, selon les ordres présentes qu'il a receu, pour que cela puisse produire tout l'effet qu'on attend d'une tel ordre. Le Prince n'arive que ce soir ycy.

Je vous prie Milor de vouloir bien mes respectueux compliment à son Excellence Monseur le Marquis D'Aiguilles Embassadeur de Roy tres Chretien auprés de notre jeune Maître. J'espere que Milor aura la bonté d'excuser si je ne pas pû ecrire de main, etant Milor, avec les Respectes le plus parfait,

MILOR,

Votre tres obeissant et humble  
serviteur.

AU CHATEAU DE BLAIR,  
ce 6 Fevrier vieux stil, 1746.

<sup>1</sup> Dalnacardoch.

<sup>2</sup> This answer to the preceding Letter of Lord Kilmarnock seems to have been written by a French secretary.



## CCVII.

MR. SCOT TO DR. COLVILLE.

DUNKELD, 6<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup>. 1746.H: S<sup>R</sup>,

Yours of the 2<sup>d</sup> with one inclosed to Mr. Guthrie, came to my hand about 2 a clock, and 'tis now 3; I had difficulty to get one that would undertake to run Express, but have now got it sent off, and gave the ten shill: with one to bear the lad's charge till his return, when I promised to reward him to his pleasure.

I have it from a good hand that a good body of the Enemy lay last night at Crief, and were thought would take the west road. Cumberland was last night at Perth, and he, Duke James,<sup>1</sup> &c., were to dine this day at Huntingtowre. There has been several platoons heard, q<sup>ch</sup> 'tis said were made as the forces were pitching their tents on the moor near Nairne this day. God make all well.

ADIEU.

Pay the Express.

*Thursday afternoon.*

## CCVIII.

PATRICK ROBERTSON OF TRINAFLOUR TO MUNGO MURRAY.

DALNACARDOCH, 6<sup>th</sup> February 1746.

SIR,

I received yours with the Croftarie, and have sent it to my next

<sup>1</sup> Of Atholl, younger brother of the Marquis of Tullibardine.

nightebours, according to the ufull way. I never met with fuch a confusion as I have this day met with.—I am,

SIR,

Your most humble Serv<sup>t</sup>.

PAT: ROBERTSONE.

CCIX.

CHARLES M<sup>C</sup>GLASHAN TO NEILL M<sup>C</sup>GLASHAN, WRITER AT CLUNE.

D<sup>R</sup> UNCLE,

This moment I received an order from my Lord Duke desiring me to fend all the meall I have in readyness to Blair Cattle, and to meall all the corn I have threfhen, and fend it likeways ; please know that I have litle or no meall fucken, and the litle meall I get from them, it does not maintain my ffamily ; wherefore you'll be so good as tell His Grace I have not a Boll by me of what meall multure I got this winter. I have a few Bolles oats by me, which I intended for feed, and if I should meall them, my miller assures me that a Boll of them would not give three firlots meall. If you can prevail with His Grace not to insist on my making meall of them, it will be considerable in my way ; if oy<sup>r</sup> ways, rather than his Grace should be in the least disoblidged, I shall, on receipt of your's, meall them, whatever loss I may sustain thereby. I offer my compliments to my Aunt, & am,

D<sup>R</sup> UNCLE,

Your affect<sup>d</sup> Nephew & Serv<sup>t</sup>.

CHA. MACKGLASHAN.

INVER, 6<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup> 1746.

I hade all their oats bespoken for feed, & was to get £7 the Boll, so that you'll easily know my loss. I beg you'll write me w<sup>o</sup>ut loss of time if I be to meall them.

## CCX.

THE LAIRD OF GLENGARY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

I had the honour & pleasure of your Grace's most kind affectionat Letter of condolence. I should be the most ignorant creatur on Earth, were I not most sensible of your Grace's Repeated favors don me, and as for the friendship the Family off Atholl honoured my poor ffamily with, and the Remarkable good offices they have offten don it, is manifestly knowen even to the meanest of my ffamily; and I assur your Grace (as far as I know myfelfe) my greatest ambition is to merite the continuance of that friendship w<sup>t</sup> the ffamily of Athole, has so long subsistid twixt our ffamilys; and that if in my power to serve your Grace or ffamily off Athole, your Grace think me so far worthy as honour me by Laying your commands upon me. The Youth your Grace desires will soon have the honour of waiting of you; he is happy if your Grace honours him by taking him under your patronage. I am sincerely w<sup>t</sup> the greatest Esteem, Zeale, due Reguaird, and strongest attachment,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most faithfull, most obedient,  
and most oblidged humble servant,

JOHN M'DONELL OFF GLENGARY.

FORT AUGUSTUS, *Feb<sup>y</sup> 7<sup>th</sup>*, 1746.

## CCXI.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO GRIGOR MURRAY.

SIR,

Herewith is sent a general Croffitarie order for raising all the able bodied men in Glenamond: this order is executing through all Atholl

with y<sup>e</sup> outmost exactness & Expedition; and providing you have a mind to efface y<sup>e</sup> three different times you have forlook me, you'll, without loss of time, come here, & bring at least fifty good men with you. I am well assured there are arms for that number in the Country, so that I shall reckon you greatly wanting in your Duty if you do not bring them all arm'd.

The Bearer being chose out as a trusty expeditious person, this is earnestly requiring of you to get instantly all the Accounts & Intelligence you can of y<sup>e</sup> Enemies motions, & without loss of time send it me by this Express, which shall ever be remembered to your advantage.

After you have made use of y<sup>e</sup> Crossstanie order, if you can find a trusty Person, pray send it directly to Donald Mackclairane, Drover in Balquhider, as an answer from me to what Jas. Steuart of Clunes heard of his hearty Disposition towards our present honest Concerns from Tuch, dated Jan<sup>y</sup>. 26<sup>th</sup>, it will also be a valuable service rendered our King & Country at this critical Juncture. If you intend to oblige me in earnest, you will no less faithfully than diligently execute what is here required, & justly expected of you by one who shall ever accordingly be found in the most agreeable manner,

SIR,

Your affectionate humble Servant.

BLAIR, 7<sup>th</sup> February, 1746.

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CCXII.

WILLIAM DUKE OF ATHOLL, &CA.

UNDER THE PRINCE REGENT,

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF HIS MAJESTY'S FORCES,

To all the worthy Gentlemen and people in Atholl, Health and Happiness.—These many years past, the unnatural second son of my

family, from a narrow selfish disposition has let himself be seduced both as to publick and private concerns, in so much that he has most unfairly become the creature of long declared enemies to our King and Country, whereby they make use of him as a tool, not only to ruin all valuable sentiments amongst many in this Country, but also he endeavours to root out the known principles of honour and honesty, which formerly appeared amongst those who were friends and wellwishers in these parts, to both truth and right reason. Such a pitiful Brother of mine amongst rebellious Britons, headed by ungenerous foreigners, is now barefacedly coming with some of our subtle neighbours to force me out of my just inheritance, that you may be unworthily made submit to their no less artful than dangerous designs, which makes me positively require all of you, from the age of sixteen to that of sixty, who regard true safety, and whatever is dear to the posterity of undaunted forefathers, without losing a minute to set every where about the Crossbarie, that all of you may be sufficiently warned to come here directly and join me for the defence of your houses, wives, children, and Country. All which Fiskeily and Blairphety have trusted to your care and mine, by generously going North with my bold Brother George, who with our young master the Prince, goes soon to bring up a powerful army from thence. In the meantime, with equal Courage will not brave Atholl men here stand by me to save yourselves from ignominious devastation and ruin. Let us then with firm unanimity maintain ourselves against all assaults may be made on us by the usurpation of some imposing western neighbours, and perjured people who stick at nothing to obtain their ambitious proud ends. Therefore, once more I say, without delay on sight of this my earnest request and order, forthwith come and join me here, as before God and man you will be answerable. For the doing of which, this shall be to you and all concerned, a sufficient warrant: Given under my hand and seal, at Blair Castle the eighth day of Febr<sup>y</sup> 1746.

(Indorsed,)—"M. of Tullibardine's Declaration, Feby 8, 1746."

## CCXIII.

## THE DUKE OF ATHOLL TO GLENKILRIE &amp; STRALOECH.

As the Campbells are come into Atholl, to the number of between 4 and 500, and that all the people of the Country are resolved to go along with me, that they may be quickly repulsed, This is positively ordering and requiring you, according to what was demanded two or three days ago by the Croftarie, to send out all the fencible men, with the best arms in the Country, and join us to-morrow by mid-day, or at farthest, two or three hours after at Mulinarn, as you regard every thing ought to be dear to us, which must forever make me have a singular esteem for you, who am,

GENTLEMEN,

In a most affectionate manner,

Your most humble Servant.

BLAIR CASTLE, 8th February 1746.

*To Colonel Spaldane of Glenkilrie, or any  
other Commanding Officer of the Strath-  
ardale men who is in the Country.*

Since writing what is above, I was prodigiously surprized at Mr. Rt. Stuart, Adjut of Lord George Murray's Regt's arrival, who was sent with a party of the Appin men to raise the Country; but it most surprisngly appears that none amongst you have thought fit to obey the most positive pressing orders that could be sent. Therefore, without using further rigour, This is requiring you, on your allegiance and the duties due from you to King & Country, that you forthwith send to join us, at least the 200 men who have received both his R. H. arms and pay; which at your peril you

are immediately to perform, without waiting for any other advertisement, as you will be answerable both before God and man.

*To Mr. Spaldane of Glenkilrie, and  
Mr. Robertson of Straloch, with all the  
other honest people in Strathardle.*

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CCXIV.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO INNERSLANY, CROFTMORE, AND DALVOREST.

As the Campbells are come into Atholl, and that all the people of the Country are resolved to go along with me, that they may be quickly repulsed, This is positively ordering and requiring you, according to what was demanded of you two or three days ago by the Crofttarie, to send out all the sensible men, with the best arms in the country, and join us tomorrow by mid-day, or at farthest two or three hours after at Blair, as you regard every thing ought to be dear to us; which will make me forever have a singular esteem for you, who am, Gentlemen, in as most affectionate manner,

Your humble Servant.

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CCXV.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO KYNACHINE.

SIR,

This is to acquaint you that the Campbells, to the number of 4 or 500, are come into Dunkeld, which has so animated and raised the spirits of all our people who have heard of it, that they want at any rate to go and drive them out of the Country. As I hope your men are fully ready

before this time, this is earnestly entreating you will not lose a minute's time in bringing them here, or rather down through the Glen of Fincastle, as the shortest way to meet me; who, as soon as I can get any small number gathered in these parts to go down as far as Moulinarn, this night in my way to meet these particularly ancient enemies of this Country. Therefore without loss of time, pray make all the dispatch imaginable to join us, as you are inclined to render a considerable service to your King and Country, as well as singularly oblige,

SIR,

Your most affectionate humble Servant.

BLAIR CASTLE, 8 February 1746.

After perusal, pray let this Letter be sent to Shian, without a minute's loss of time, who I hope will have the same regard for the contents as if it were particularly addressed to him; and if his shortest way to meet us, in going down the Country be by Strathtay and Logiereat, I hope he will take that road as early as possible to-morrow morning, and that with the utmost expedition.

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CCXVI.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO KYNACHIN.

SIR,

This morning I sent you an express, telling that as the Campbells are come into the Country, It was believed that our people would incline to drive them out of the Country, but besides some other reasons for not going down the Country to meet them, it seems our people are from being so hearty as was imagined. Therefore at this time it is thought convenient that we should give up such a worthy undertaking, which makes it



unnecessary for you to think of coming down the Country, as was desired by what I writ you, some hours ago, since every body thinks it best you should come directly here as soon as possible, without losing a minute's time. Be so good as to advertise Shian of this last resolution with no less expedition, than possibly you may have done the former. So hoping to see you with all your men, and their best arms against to-morrow night, I need add nothing further here, but that I am entirely,

SIR,

Your most affectionate,

Humble Servant.

BLAIR CASTLE, 8th February 1746.

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CCXVII.

STEWART OF KINACHINE TO COL<sup>L</sup>. ROBERTSON.

DEAR SIR,

This moment I have an Express from the Duke telling of 4 or 500 Campbells being come to Dunkeld, & wants that I should, with all the men I can raise, meet his Grace this night at Moulin, or thereabouts; and desires me to send to Shian to meet him likewise with his men. Shian is here, & not a man about him, having only ordered them to meet him somewhere about Bonrannoch to-morrow. I have as few about me, having sent them to the most tardy corners to recruit. It is now near 3 o'clock afternoon, and have neither officer nor sergeant about me, being all employed elsewhere, so cannot, tho' I should do my best, raise, when it is dark, a dozen men; meantime Fincaffe, Ballechan, Kinnauld, Garth, & Balnacree, have their companies in the way from this to Dunkeld. I hourly expect Bohaly from Blair, who went last night from this for orders.

I do not know what to do; if I go without men, (as I certainly must, if I should go immediately,) then the recruiting of this country will be ruined; if I should not go, but set about the raising the men, I may be reflected on. What shall I do? I expect to have my mind relieved when Bohaly comes, and am, in haste,

DEAR SIR,

Yours most affectionately,

DAVID STEWART.

KYNNACHAN, 3 o'clock,  
*Saturday afternoon.*

As I judge from his Grace's letter that he may be gone before this can reach Blair, I have given you this trouble, which I intreat you'll notify.

(*Indorsed.*)—"Letter from Kynachin to Col. Robertson,  
dated Kynachin & received Blair 8 February, 1745."

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CCXVIII.

MR. GRIGOR MURRAY TO MR. MUNGO MURRAY.

SR.

I received his Grace's orders and immediately sent an express for the officer, who lives four miles distance from this place, and on his way spoke to so many of the tennents, for we durst not make use of the Cross-tarie for alarming the enemy, for there is above two hundred of them laying at Crieff and Monzie, and a troop of horse at Drummond Castle, besides a party of the Campbells, who comes up the King's road every day for information. By all the accounts, the enemy who marched to Perth on Thursday last is reckend to be twelve thousand men, foot and horse, and I had certain information this evening that a party of the enemy was to be at Dunkeld this night.

As our frindes marched through this countray on Munday and Tuefday laft, they both plundered and carried of a great many horfes, and feverals of them is not returned as yet.

If the officer and I can gett the men raifed, we fhall come ftraight to Blair or wherever his Grace fhall be.—I am,

SR.

Your moft humble & obedient Servant,  
GRI: MURRAY.

CURRHUN, *Febr<sup>y</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup>, 1746.*

P.S.—We are every night within four miles of the enemie in the Wafter Glen, and the Eaſter Glen within two miles of them; you may confider what fituation we are in. I ſent off the exprefs to Ballquidder juſt as the berar went from this, be four a Clock in the morning.

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CCXIX.

STEWART OF KYNACHIN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

Att three o'clock this afternoon, I had the honour of a letter from your Grace, the anfwer whereof I ſent to Coll. Robertſon. I ſhall, with the utmoſt expedition, raiſe the men of Bonrannoch, Boheſpich, and all of both ſides of this water. I have ſent an exprefs this night to forward Glenlyon's ſon with the folks of Fortingall; I'm hopefull, once to-morrow, to have them together, ſo as to march Monday. Shian is here, and ſets out very early for Rannoch, where he expects to have all his men to meet him, from whence he has a very ſhort cut to Badenoch, if he is

allowed to go that way. I shall fend to-morrow for further orders, and am, with much esteem and respect,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most obed<sup>t</sup> Ser<sup>t</sup>,  
to serve you,

DAVID STEWART.

*Saturday, near 8 o'clock att night.*

(*Indorsed*,)—“Letter from Kynachin, dated 8,  
received Blair 9, February, 1746.”

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CCXX.

THOMAS BLAIR OF GLASCLUNE TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

In the execution of the orders with which your Grace was pleased to honour me, I have hitherto succeeded tollerably, tho' in a manner very contrary to my inclination, being often obliged to use the greatest extremeties, viz<sup>t</sup> that of burning, which nothing but the Prince's intrest and your Grace's commands cou'd allow me to infli&t, but, as the rule of my condu&t is to promote the one and obey the other, (which are inseparable,) I assure your Grace nothing consistent with a man of honour shall be left undone to the best of my judgement.

Yesterday I sent up, under Gourdie's command, upwards of forty men, (some of whom, I understand, are since deserted,) and this day I have above sixty more, who are just now in this place and the neighbourhood, but, when on their march for Blair, were ordered back by Mr. Warren; they are but an unarm'd mob, and fit to proceed on nothing till better provided, but in that case I can venture my personallity with them, (and

the Prince's cause much more valuable,) any where to behave neighbour-like.

This quarter I judged safest for men in their condition, and resolve to keep them here till your Grace's further instructions, which I presume to expect, and at same time have the honour to subscribe myself,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's

Most obedient and humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

LOGIERHAT, 8<sup>th</sup> Febr<sup>y</sup> 1746.

THO: BLAIR.

P.S.—The party belonging to the Appin Regm<sup>t</sup> was this day recalled, so if I'm to continue this course, another party of strangers is absolutely necessary to obtemperate my orders in their full extent.

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CCXXI.

COLONEL ROBERTSON TO DR. COLVILL.

SIR,

I hear this moment that it is thought necessary to cut the Bridge of Tumble; I should think proper to destroy the passage boat at Kenloch-Rannoch also, for there a great number of foot may pass in one night, and if they should take the route of Dalnispidal, which they may do in absolute safety, and is but a few hours march from Kenloch-Rannoch, they might prove very troublesome.

I'll be w<sup>t</sup> you soon; meantime you may communicate this.

I am,

SIR,

LUDE, Febr<sup>y</sup> 9<sup>th</sup>, 1746,

*in a quarter of two afternoon.*

Your most humble Ser<sup>t</sup>

D. ROBERTSON.

If Shian is in Rannoch, he wou'd be proper person to execute this.

## CCXXII.

COLONEL ROBERTSON TO DR. COLVILL.

SIR,

This moment, upon my arrival here, I found a fervant from Killechaffly, who tells me, he saw the enemy to the number of 500 foot and 12 dragoons, on this side Tay-bridge, about 12 o'clock this day. He says, there came an exprefs to acquaint the Prince of this, but, not being absolutely fure of that exprefs, I thought it proper to fend Killechaffly's man, w<sup>t</sup> whom you may converfe.—I am,

SIR,

Your most obed<sup>t</sup>,

D. ROBERTSON.

LUDE, *Feb<sup>y</sup>. 9<sup>th</sup>, 1746,*  
*20 minues after 7 at night.*

Give the bearer 6 pence.

## CCXXIII.

STEWART OF KYNACHIN TO LORD NAIRN.

MY LORD,

Bohaly told me that my Lord Duke had some arms keeping for our men here, which I entreat you'll fend by the bearer without loss of time. L<sup>d</sup> Glenurchy came, attended by a few gentlemen, thro' night to Taymouth; we hear some hundreds of the Campbells are betwixt Teyindrom and Killin. Shian is gone from hence this morning to Rannoch, where he expects to meet all can be got of his men. I have expreffes

and parties every where raising the men in this country, and hope to have them ready to march sometime to-morrow; and, since there can be neither meat nor quarters at Blair, I think we should be allowed to march freight from this to Dalnacardoch, being a full day's journey in our way.—Pray write me fully when and what way the Prince marches, that we may exactly take our measures accordingly. If there is any intelligence from L<sup>d</sup> George or the enemy, pray acquaint me, who am, with utmost esteem and sincerity,

Your Lo<sup>p</sup>'s most obed<sup>t</sup>  
humble Ser<sup>t</sup>,

DAVID STEWART.

KYNNACHAN *Sunday, 11 o'clock.*

(*Indorsed.*)—"Letter from Kynachin to Lord Nairn, dated Kynachan, and rec<sup>d</sup>. Blair, 9 February 1746."

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CCXXIV.

STEWART OF KYNACHAN TO D<sup>R</sup> COLVILL.

SIR,

Just now I'm favoured with yours & another from Coll. Sullivan, ordering me with all our men hereabouts to repair to Blair to-morrow morning; I am hourly expecting Killiechaffy & Garth with their men, & Glenlyon's son with his; I and all about me have been, & are as throng recruiting as possible. I expect to have them assembled at Bohespick sometime to-morrow morning, which place being within 4 miles of Dalnacardoch, by going the high road, & being at least 15 miles by going about by Blair, besides being obliged to wade the waters, will, I hope, induce his Grace to allow us to take the short road so as to meet his Grace at Dalnacardoch. We hear that some of the Dragoons, & about 5 or 600 Campbells, are come this forenoon to Appin Dull. I have sent Expresses three different ways, to know their numbers and their motions,

that they may not catch us napping here. I am desir'd by Mr. O'Sullivan to get the Bridge over this Water<sup>1</sup> cut down, but as I have neither mason nor tools, all the men I have would not do it in a week, which, pray, tell, that if it is thought necessary to have it cut there may be masons & tools, without loss of time, sent here from Blair. I heartily wish us all a happy meeting, & am sincerely,

DEAR SIR,

Your most humble Ser<sup>t</sup>

DAVID STEWART.

KYNNACHAN, SUNDAY,

40 minutes after 5.

(Indorsed).—"Letter from Kynachan to Dr. Colvill, dated Kynachan 9, received Blair, 10 February 1746."

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CCXXV.

DR. COLVILL TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY DEAR LORD DUKE,

As it is my outmost wish and desire to contribute to our Dear Prince's Interest, I cannot help informing your Grace that I have certain intelligence of the Bridge of Kynachan being yet entire; that I hear every wellwisher to the cause, who knows the situation of the country, say, the breaking of it would be of very great consequence, & that (which surprises me greatly) it might have been in ruins before now had his R. H. orders been obeyed. My informer told me he saw the Masons deputed by your Grace, beginning to demolish it, and that they were actually stoppt by a Major Vis, so I humbly think the only remedy will be another message from the Prince backed with a sufficient Force.

<sup>1</sup> The Tummel.



I have the Honour to be, with the most affectionate Esteem and Respect,

MY DEAR LORD DUKE,  
Your Grace's most obedient  
and most faithfull humble Servant,  
GEORGE COLVILL.

BLAIRFETTY, MUNDAY,  
*half-an-hour after eight at night.*

I am to stay here all night, & shall have the Honour of seeing your Grace to-morrow morning.

Please cause mind the Boat of Kinloch-Ranach.

(Indorsed).—"Letter from Dr. Colvill, dated Blairphety the 10<sup>th</sup> [February], received Dalnacardich 11, at one in the morning."

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CCXXVI.

MAJOR McLACHLAN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DUKE,

No doubt but your Grace admires my long absence, occasioned by the place where my charge landed, besides was the most of the time sick and under the care of a Surgeon, and that from place to place for fear of my enemies. Thursday last I got the most of my charge safe landed, and securing it the safest way I can untill I get people to escort it. I have been dealing with the McLeans all the time, and got their faithfull promise to come how soon I would be in power to serve them with money, arms, and ammunition, which now I can do. I sent them some money, and shall have what they want upon their arrival, which I expect soon; and then have the pleasure to come to his Highness with what I

have of my charge, with M<sup>c</sup>Leans and all other people I can get together. I was overjoyed to hear of your Grace being in perfect health after coming from England:—God grant your Grace long life and happy days, and for ever am,

MY LORD DUKE,

Your Grace's most obliged and  
most obedient humble Servant, while  
ALEX<sup>R</sup>. M<sup>C</sup>LACHLAN.

[BORRADEAL IN ARRASIG,]<sup>1</sup>

*Febr<sup>y</sup>. 11<sup>th</sup>. 1746.*

I refer the berrare to tell the place.

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CCXXVII.

DR. COLVILL TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY DEAR LORD DUKE,

I had the Honour to see our Dear Prince at the Quarters at Castlehill, he desired me to make his compliments to your Grace. M<sup>r</sup>. Murray, &c. &c. bid me offer their most humble service to your Grace; all at the Quarters seem hearty & in full spirits. I saw the Quartermaster, who told me your Grace's Quarter is at Culloeden House, where the E. of Kilmarnick, L<sup>d</sup>. Luis Gordon, & L<sup>d</sup>. Nairne are likewise quartered. The only piece of news is, that there are eight or nine hundred of the Loyalists to cross the Ferrie this evening, to pursue the Enemy; they consist of the Frazers, M<sup>c</sup>Donalds, and Camerons. I saw the Frazers assembling, & my Cousine Innerlachie, who commands them, told me what they were going about. The President is gone along with Lord Loudon, M<sup>c</sup>Kloid, &c. &c.; M<sup>c</sup>Intosh is with them; they went straight to Brand Castle.

<sup>1</sup> So indorsed.

I am juft now with two fifters, who I have not feen thefe eight years paft, they are very earneft I fhould ftay with them all night; in which cafe I hope your Grace will excufe me. I went to Cullodden Houfe & fpoke to the Mafter houfehold, (a Stewart,) who told me your Grace's room fhould be ready; the cellers are pretty well plenifhed, and plenty of provifion of Horfes:—I fhall go there to-morrow & order a good fire in your room.

I beg leave to afk your Grace will pleafe offer my moft humble fervice to the Heroine<sup>1</sup> & the other Ladies, in which my Landladies heartily join; they long very much to have to honour of your Grace for a lodger. The Secretary told me they had a letter from Lord George laft night, when his Lo<sup>p</sup>. would be at Elgin, & this night at Forres. I have honour to be, with the outmoft Esteem and Refpect,

MY DEAR LORD DUKE,

Your Grace's moft obedient and  
moft affectionate humble Servant,

GEORGE COLVILL.

INVERNESS, 19 Feb<sup>y</sup>. 1746, six at night.

The ftreets here are much expofed to the Caftle, from whence they fire feveral fhots, & wound[ed] one of the Loyalifts (a private man) this forenoon.

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CCXXVIII.

ROBERTSON OF DRUMACHINE TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DUKE,

I give your Grace the trouble to introduce four young Lads from

<sup>1</sup> Lady Mackintosh, who, a few days previously, had, by a very extraordinary *ruse de guerre*, defeated Lord London's attempt to surprise Charles Edward at Moy Castle.—See Home's Hist.; Scott's Tales of a Grandfather, &c.

Atholl for L<sup>d</sup>. G's Regiment; they say more are following. As I had a very bad night, I can only add, that I am ever, & with the greatest respect & affection,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's faithful

Servant,

D. ROBERTSON.

CORRYBROCH, Feb: 20<sup>th</sup>. 1746.

P.S. As these Lads left the Country Monday afternoon, their Intelligence will add to the last.

# CCXXIX.

SPALDING OF ASHINTULLY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD DUKE,

I wrote Dr. Colvill of the success I would have had with y<sup>e</sup> Strathardle men, were not y<sup>e</sup> camp removed from Stirling so soon; and altho' I could not have y<sup>e</sup> use of a party, the vassals and tenants of Ashintilly agreed to give me fourscore and ten men (a part of which is in Bleaton's company) and altho' there was no men left in Blair Castall, I would have prevealed with a good maney, providing I had not been obliged to slay under night, from a strong party of the Usurper's men that is just now in that Country; it is now a hardshipe if y<sup>e</sup> Prince will not allow me a reasonable subsistence, being so situated as I have it not myself. I humbly presume to lay this my condition before your Grace, on whom I wholly depend, and am, with y<sup>e</sup> greatest respect,

MY LORD DUKE,

Your Grace's most faithfull and

obliged humble Servant,

DAN. SPALDING.

INVERNESS, 24<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup>. 1746.

## MEMORANDOME FOR DOCTOR COLVILLE.

THAT it may be demanded of a great many of Bleaton's company, how many went home and followed after Glenkilrie, after he had conveyed the Duke of Atholl to Edin.—

Secondlie, it may be asked of John Spalding and Andrew Rattray, Lieutenant and Ensign to Bleaton, if it was by his interift such of my men as are there was raised.

It may be also asked, whither John Spalding was present when Peter Ayson and his Brother Alex., told how they were advised home; they can tell by whom themselves, &c.

If the Duke of Atholl were once in Atholl, it may be asked of Mor-mount, whither he was present when Glenkilrie his brother said, had he been Bleaton he would have kept a guard for himself, but that he would have returned home the rest.

It may be also asked Alex. White, whither Glenkilrie proposed to produce y<sup>e</sup> Letters he had, offering commissions to him by Lord Geo. &c.

And it may be asked y<sup>e</sup> said Alex<sup>r</sup>. and Donald McKenzie in Kirktown if or not there was a Joint Letter wrote by so maney Gentlemen in y<sup>e</sup> Country, to Lord James Murray, who are belived to be friends here.

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CCXXX.

ROBERTSON OF DRUMACHINE TO Dr. COLVILLE.

SIR,

The Inclos'd came to me this Evening, under Cover from Lady McIntosh. As the Gentlemen for whom the Letters are addressed are not at hand, I did not scruple to see what they contained. It seems y<sup>e</sup>

Inverness Poſſe is not ſo ſtrong as repreſented ſometime ago, and that 3 days ago, the intelligence of H. R. H.'s motions had not reached thoſe parts.

I have been in great diſorder all this day, and cou'd not get out of bed 'till 5 this Evening, elſe I had been at the head Quarters. I wiſh Malcolm Stewart in Sheerglaſs, who is Funcaſtle's Lieu<sup>t</sup>, was called for to attend cloſe at Blair Caſtle ('till relieved by ſome other officer) to command a ſmall piquet of this Country people, to furniſh Expreſſes, &c. as the Duke of Atholl ſhall have occaſion. I deſir'd Funcaſtle, w<sup>t</sup> his Company to attend this day, for I ſee no pretence they have to abſent themſelves; but all the people on this ſide of Garry have the army quarter'd upon them, and are order'd beſides to be ready with their Horſes to march w<sup>t</sup> the Prince's Baggage, both which the Funcaſtle people are free of.

Pray be ſo good as preſent my duty to the Duke of Atholl. I'm ſorry it was not in my power to attend his Grace this day, tho' I cou'd have done but little ſervice, for I find by repeated Experience that I can bear no exerciſe. I am alwiſe,

Dr. Sir

Your moſt obed<sup>t</sup>. humble Ser<sup>t</sup>.

D. ROBERTSON.

LUDE, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. 1746,  
*after 7 at night.*

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CCXXXI.

SPALDING OF ASHINTILLIE TO DR. COLVILL.

KEPAC, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 1746.

SIR,

Altho' my friends ſtood by y<sup>e</sup> Campbels when Lord James and they were in competition about y<sup>e</sup> eſtate of Aſhintillie, I did not, untill Commiſſary Biſſet, who managed his Lordſhipe as he had a mind, was

like to trifle me out of y<sup>e</sup> Eases obtained from y<sup>e</sup> Creditors for supporting my Father's familie, &c. ; my love is more extencive towards y<sup>e</sup> Duke, who has y<sup>e</sup> true right ; and as I always had, and has, my whole dependance on y<sup>e</sup> noble Famillie of Atholl, and haith no farther to say in any petition I can give in to y<sup>e</sup> Secretary, than to tell I had a commiffion from y<sup>e</sup> Ufurper, he therefore may neglect to mention my name to y<sup>e</sup> Prince, if his Grace the Duke of Atholl will not speak in my favours himself, which would do y<sup>e</sup> affair at once.

Sir, I forgot to tell y<sup>e</sup> it was not so Easie for me to raise men when Glenkilrie was takeing money from such as should have given me men, To witt, from Clerk Chalmers five pound, which y<sup>e</sup> clerk told me in presence of witnesses ; and I told him he behooved to git a man to me however ; and as he told me he would not, I confes I buffed him. He got money from oyr<sup>s</sup> also, as well as from y<sup>e</sup> clerk.

I would willingly reward your trouble, if you would preveall with his Grace to do for me out of bygone arrears at Leat, and think it well Laid out, my Enemies are so many, altho' I have a right, I have none. I am, with respect,

SIR,

Your much obliged humble Ser.,

DAN. SPALDING.

P. S. I hear my Lord George and y<sup>e</sup> M<sup>e</sup>Phersons are gone to Atholl. I hope I will git money in order to go home at any rate.

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CCXXXII.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO ROTHMURCUS.

SIR,

As the late Rothemureus, your father, showed me particular friendship & kindness on just such an unfortunate occasion as the present, makes

me hope you will have no less regard for me in taking care of some small concerns of mine, which consists in taking care of two or three of my Servants and some baggage, which I send you rather than it should fall into enemies hands; so that if you cannot keep it, and get it sent me in time & place convenient, it may be of some use to yourself, who I esteem on your family & father's account; tho' we have not had the occasion of a personal acquaintance, which I hope may yet agreeably happen, in whatever bad Situation our affairs may appear at present, then I may agreeably be able to return you suitable thanks for such an obligation as will for ever oblige,

SIR,

Your aff: Humble Servant and Cousin.

18<sup>th</sup> March, 1746.

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CCXXXIII.

COL<sup>LE</sup> WARREN TO D<sup>R</sup> COLVILL.

I am very impatient, D<sup>R</sup> Doc<sup>R</sup> to hear of your perfect recovery; pray indulge me with a line, or if not yet able, let M<sup>R</sup> Murray tell me how you do.

I must also beg it as a particular favour that you send me by the bearer your Journal (if not already done) as I want to pick out some dates & names of places of great use to me. I shall return it to you most faithfully by the ambassador who is to come down to see me.

I hope to be ready for the sea by Saturday or Sunday.

I have now the pleasure to tell you that I assembled here these 2 days past, all the boats of Nairn, Broghhead, Caufie, &c., and sent them off last night, w<sup>th</sup> 4 men in each boat, of Stoneywood's and S<sup>R</sup> Alex<sup>R</sup> Bannerman's, w<sup>th</sup> orders to proceed to Portmahamoch in the frith of Dornoch. Lord Cromartie has orders to have all his men ready there, to be ferried



over by them to Sutherland, to surprife L<sup>d</sup>. Loudon, who'l probably little expect fuch a thing, and I hope in God will be entirely routed. I hope they are got over fafe, as not one of them appeared this morning, and they are out of the reach of 3 m. W.<sup>1</sup> now cruifing in our fight at a great diftance. If this fucceeds, ce fera un Coup de partis. My duty to his Grace, w<sup>th</sup> this acc<sup>t</sup>, w<sup>ch</sup> was kept as fecret as poffible.

My hearty refpects to your loving Sifters, and believe me, D<sup>r</sup> Doc<sup>r</sup> moft fincerely your affect humble Servant,

WARREN.

FINDHORN, *Wednesday,*  
18 March 1746.

Pray, fay a thouf<sup>d</sup> fine things for me to the heavenly Lady M<sup>c</sup>Intosh, Sifter, &c.

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CCXXXIV.

MUNGO MURRAY TO COL: WARREN.

SIR,

All of us here are much obliged to you for the account of the boats which are fent from Nairn, &c<sup>a</sup>. into the frith of Dornoch; God fend they may have the fuccefs which is hoped for. Do&tor Colvill is ftill at the point of death, therefore, no ways in a condition to fend you any thing regards his Journal, which you require of him; but my Lord Duke who defires me to give you his affectionate Service, fends you here inclofed a copy of M<sup>r</sup>. Dumont's Journal fince we left Edinb<sup>r</sup>, that you may be able to find out certain dates and names of places, which is all feems to be required at prefent. At the fame time, he, and every one of your friends amongft us, wifh you all fuccefs and expedition, in fo good an errand as you are going. In Do&tor Colvill's ftead, I fhall fay from you all the

<sup>1</sup> Men of War.

fine things possible to the valuable Lady McIntosh, her Sister, &c<sup>a</sup>. Being with perfect regard and esteem,

SIR,

Your most affectionate  
Humble Servant.

INVERNESS, 19 *March* 1746.

No doubt you have heard of the indefatigable Expedition of Lord George Murray into Atholl, who has surpris'd and taken all the regular troops and Campbells at Blair, and every other garriſon they had in the Country thereabouts, which can't but produce good effects for the Prince's Service.

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CCXXXV.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

BLAIR, 24<sup>th</sup> *March* 1746.

DEAR BROTHER,

I hope you will excuse my not writing to you since we came here, for as you would hear of every thing I wrote to S<sup>r</sup>. Thomas<sup>1</sup> or M<sup>r</sup>. Murray, and indeed I have not had one spare moment; our Duty here is constant and fatiguing, but we grudge nothing that is for H: R: H: service and the good of the Cause. Coll: Mercer, with 150 men, is at Dunkeld, and secured the boats, but I have ordered him to retire to the Pass if a Body of the Enemy should come near to that place, which they can do by passing the river at Perth. All here desire to make you their compliments, and I always am,

DEAR BROTHER,

Your most affectionate Brother  
and humble Servant,

GEORGE MURRAY.

<sup>1</sup> Sheridan.

The people in the Castle<sup>1</sup> have not fet out their heads since we came, and are living on bisket and water. If we get the Castle, I hope you will excuse our demolishing it. Adieu.

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## CCXXXVI.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO LORD GEORGE MURRAY.

BROTHER GEORGE,

Since, contrary to the rules of right reason, you was pleased to tell me a sham story about the expedition to Blair, without further ceremony for me, you may now do what the Gentlemen of the Country think fit with the Castle; I am in no concern about it. Our great-great-grandfather, grandfather, and father's pictures, will be an irreparable loss on blowing up the house; but there is no comparison to be made with these faint images of our forefathers and the more necessary Publick Service, which requires we should sacrifice every thing can valuably contribute towards the Country's safety, as well as materially advancing the Royal Cause. Pray give my kind service to all valuable friends, to which I can add nothing, but that in all events you may be assured I shall ever be found, with just regard,

DEAR BROTHER,

Your most aff. Brother,  
and Humble Servant.

INVERNESS, 26 March 1746.

At the upper end from the door of the old stable, there was formerly a gate which had a Portcullis into the Castle: it is half built up and boarded over from the stable side, with a hollow large enough to hold a horse

<sup>1</sup> Blair Castle, at that time garrisoned by a party under the command of Sir Andrew Agnew.

at hack and manger. People that know the place imagine it may be much easier dug through than any other part of the wall, so as to make a convenient passage into the vaulted room, which is called the Servant's Hall.

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CCXXXVII.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO SIR THOMAS SHERIDAN.

DEAR SIR,

Mr. James Murray, wounded at the action of Inverury, a gentleman of my name, born in Sicily, whom the Ambassador took the trouble of introducing to the honour of kissing H. R. H.'s hands, is resolved, by his Excellencie's protection, to raise a company for the service amongst the new men that are raising, provided he can obtain the Prince's commission. This is, therefore, desiring you will be so kind as to interest yourself with his R. H. for that end, being only asked in so far as it may be for the Royal service, which will also be taken as a particular favour done to,

DEAR SIR,

Your most obedient

INVERNESS, 28 *March* 1746.

& most humble Servant.

With this I entreat you'll give my duty to the Prince, who, I am extremely glad to hear, is perfectly recovered of the cold with which he was troubled for some time past; I long much to be in a tolerable situation to pay my dutiful respects to H. R. H. I beg you'll excuse the not writing with my own hand, which really cannot be done in a hurry.

## CCXXXVIII.

SIR THOMAS SHERIDAN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

I have juſt now received the honour of y<sup>r</sup> Grace's letter, dated this day, in relation to M<sup>r</sup>. James Murray. It was a thing to w<sup>ch</sup> I was entirely a ſtranger, but, coming from your Grace, I could not but ſhew it to the Prince, who told me that he had reſolved to grant no more ſuch commiſſions, the few he has already given being at leaſt enough to give employment for all the men he can hope to raiſe by that method, and to exhaust the ſmall fund he can afford to lay out upon them. Were not this the caſe, y<sup>r</sup> Grace might be aſſured that y<sup>r</sup> recommendation would be ſufficient without any other.—I have the honour to be, with all poſſible reſpect,

MY LORD,

Yo<sup>r</sup> Grace's moſt humble &

moſt obedient Servant,

THOMAS SHERIDAN.

INVERNESS, *March ye 28<sup>th</sup>, 1746.*

## CCXXXIX.

LORD GEORGE MURRAY TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

BLAIR, 29<sup>th</sup> *March*, 1746.

DEAR BROTHER,

I received your letter of the 26th. I'm ſorry you ſeem to think I told you a ſham ſtory (as you expreſs it,) about our expedition here. I told you we were to endeavour to take poſſeſſion of Caſtle Grant, and try

to hinder that clan taking party againſt us; this was done ſo far as in our power. I alſo told you, if we could contrive to ſurprize any of the parties in this country we might attempt it, but that depended ſo much upon infidents, that my very hopes could not reach ſo far as we performed. Secrecy and expedition was our main point, once we reſolved upon the thing, which was not till I met Clunie and Sheen in Badinoch. If the greateſt fatigues, dangers, and hard dutys deſerve aprobaton, I think ſome thanks is due to us, and from non more than yourſelf. For my own part, I was at one time ſeventy houres without three of ſleep; but we undergo all hardships for the good of the common cauſe.

You will ever find me,

DEAR BROTHER,

Your moſt affect<sup>d</sup>. Brother,

& faithful Servant,

GEORGE MURRAY.

I am ſo ill ſupported with men, money, and every thing elſe, our people here have no pay, that, after all our endeavours, I'm afraid we muſt abandon this country without the Caſtle.

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CCXL.

THE DUKE OF ATHOLL TO LORD GEORGE MURRAY.

BROTHER GEORGE,

This evening I had yours of yeſterday's date. As to any difference betwixt you and I, without prejudice to paſſed expedition and ſecrecy mentioned, at meeting it muſt be diſcuſſed the beſt way we can, ſince lately behaving according to dutiful ſentiments, no body is more ſatisfied than I am of your indefatigable activity for the publick ſervice. Had you ſent me your letters to the Secretary, who, I am very ſorry to ſay, is at Elgin dangerously ill, or any other of the miniſtry to whom expreſſes were addreſſed, I ſhould have directly endeavoured getting the moſt ſatis-

factory answers could be sent your pressing reall demands, which are not well understood if much regarded by every body here; I am informed by Mr. Hay and Cruben, who were just now with me, that all the men who were with you have been fully paid till Wednesday last, and that, with some necessary foresight and pains, you might have had a good deal of provisions from below the Pass, whilst that expedient was practicable, since you might have naturally known that money cannot be soon sent from hence, but on an absolute necessity, you know meal can be still brought you from Kiliwhimen. With what I wrote you the 26th, in case the enemy could not be otherwise forced out of my house, I gave Sir Tho<sup>s</sup>. Sheridan an account to be sent you of a secret passage into it, which is here again transmitted, in case making any advantageous use of it has been hitherto neglected: was it not hoped, by this time, you have near got the better of these obstinate intruders into the Castle, at any rate I should go myself and try if I could not usefully help towards reducing them to a speedy surrendering of such unfortified tho' thick old walls as it is composed of. Pray continue your accustomed vigilance on such a valuable occasion as will render you dear to all honest men, as well as particularly giving me an opportunity of showing with what esteem I am,

DEAR BROTHER,

Your most affectionate Brother,  
& most humble Servant,

INVERNESS, 30<sup>th</sup> March, 1746.

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CCXLI.

SIR THOMAS SHERIDAN TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

MY LORD,

Here are two letters found in a packet dropt somewhere on the Spey, & said to have been found on board the Hazard Sloop. As I met

with y<sup>r</sup> Grace's name in them, I have thought it best to tranfmit them to y<sup>r</sup> Grace. I hope this will find you in good health. I have the honour to be, with all poffible Refpect,

MY LORD,

Y<sup>r</sup> Grace's moft humble and  
Moft obedient Servant,

INVERNESS, *April 11<sup>th</sup>, 1746.*

THO. SHERIDAN.

CCXLII.

DUKE OF ATHOLL TO SIR THOMAS SHERIDAN.

SIR,

Juft now I have the honour of your's, with the two inclofed letters for me from M<sup>r</sup>. L'Abby De Preville, for which I return you many thanks, & fhall trouble you with explaining the contents at meeting, which may befoon. My rumatick pains & ftained leg being a little eafier than hitherto, fo hopes to wait this night or to-morrow on the Prince. In the meantime I beg you'll pleafe give my humble duty to H. R. H., being, with the utmoft refpect.

INVERNESS, 11 *April*, 1746.

CCXLIII.

COPY LETTER FROM Mr. ALEXANDER M'LEOD, AID-DE-CAMP TO  
THE PRINCE, TO THE LAIRD OF CLUNY M'PHERSON.

D<sup>R</sup> SIR,

You have [heard] no doubt ere now of the ruffle<sup>1</sup> we met with this forenoon. We have fuffered a good deal; but hope we fhallfoon pay Cum-

<sup>1</sup> The Battle of Culloden!



berland in his own Coin. We are to review to-morrow, at Fort Augustus, the Fraasers, Camerons, Stewarts, Clanronalds, & Keppoch's people. His R. H. expects your people will be with us at furthest Friday morning. Dispatch is the more necessary that his Highness has something in view which will make an ample amends for this day's ruffle.

I am,

DEAR SIR,

Your's

ALEXANDER McLEOD.

GORTLIG, *April 16,*  
*9 at night, 1746.*

We have sent an express to Lord Cromarty, Glengyle, & Barisdale, to join us by Bewly. For God's sake make haste to join us; & bring with you all the people can possibly be got together. Take care in particular of Lumisdan and Sheridan, as they carry with them the Sinews of War.

Friday.

D<sup>R</sup> SIR, Mr McLeod's letter seems to be a state of politicks I do not comprehend, tho' I can guess it is wrote the day of the Battle; and, instead of sending any word to us, every body are ordered from Lochaber to Badenoch to cover H. R. H. from being pursued, which I wish it had taken effect. Adieu. I wish we may soon see better times.

Your's,

G. M.

I observe the rendezvous was to be as yesterday at Fort Augustus, but those who came from that last night, say H. R. H. was gone for Clanronald's country.

This is Lord George Murray's answer to what was wrote to Cluny on the other side.



## APPENDIX.



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### I.

COMMISSION BY THE PRINCE TO THE DUKE OF ATHOLL.

CHARLES PRINCE OF WALES, &c. REGENT OF SCOTLAND, ENGLAND,  
FRANCE, AND IRELAND, AND THE DOMINIONS THEREUNTO  
BELONGING, TO OUR RIGHT TRUSTY AND WELL  
BELOVED WILLIAM DUKE OF ATHOLL.

We reposeing especial trust and confidence in your loyalty, courage, and good conduct, do hereby constitute and appoint you, in terms of your former Commission from his Majesty, to act as Commander-in-Chief of the King's forces, (we finding it necessary to remain in the southern part of the kingdom,) benorth Forth, so long as we shall continue on this side; and hereby authorises you to do whatever you shall think most condufve to his Majesty's interest, and requiring all his Majesty's officers to obey you.

Given in our Camp, att Pinkey, this 22d of Sept<sup>r</sup> 1745.

CHARLES, P.R.

## II.

LORD EDWARD MURRAY TO THE MARQUIS OF TULLIBARDINE.

BLAIR ATHOLL, *Septemb<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 26, 1715.*

MY LORD,

I am ordered by my Lord Duke to acquaint my Dear Nephew that he thinks it proper to fend me to waite of you, and my Brother, Nairne, to discourse you of matters of gratest consequence and last importance to you and your fameleys; soo that I have your word of honour to goe and come fassleley. I am, with all maner of respect,

MY LORD,

Y<sup>r</sup> most faithfull humble Servant,

EDWARD MURRAY.

## III.

LORD JAMES MURRAY TO THE MARQUIS OF TULLIBARDINE.

DEAR BROTHER,

Mr. Duncan Stewart carries you the message that Lord Edward Murray was to do, if you had sent him word that he might meet you; all I can say by this bearer is, that however you relish this proposall, that you will returne for answer, that you desire that you may see me upon this head, that I shall have your answer, and have leave to returne; this is the only method I can propose to see you, and I desire it very earnestly on many accounts, particularly that I may have an opportunity to convince you how much I am,

DEAR BROTHER,

Your most affectionate Brother,  
and most humble Servant,

JAMES MURRAY.

BLAIR ATHOLL, *Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, 1715.*

## IV.

COMMISSION—THE MARQUIS OF TULLIBARDINE IN FAVOUR OF  
LORD NAIRNE.

WILLIAM DUKE OF RANNOCH,<sup>1</sup> MARQUIS OF TULLIBARDINE, &c., COM-  
MANDER-IN-CHIEF OF HIS MAJESTY'S FORCES IN SCOTLAND,  
TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE WILLIAM LORD NAIRN.

By verteu of the power given me from the King, as Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's Forces in Scotland, I doe hereby constitut and appoint you, William Lord Nairn, a Major-Generall of His Majesty's Forces, as weell foot as horse. You are therefor to take upon you the said command, and to discharge the duty aforlaid, by doeing and performing every thing which to the office and trust of a major-generall does appertain; and all and sundry the officers of His Majesty's Forces are hereby requir'd to observ and obey you as such; and likeways your self to observ and follow all such orders and directions as you shall from time to time receive from the King, the Captain-Generall, myself, or other Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's Forces, for the time being, or any other your superior officer, according to the rules and disciplin of war, in pursuance of the trust hereby reposed in you.

Given at the Isle in Lochmorer, this second day of November 1719, in the eighteen year of His Majesty's reign.

By his Grace's Command,

WILLIAM MURRAY.<sup>2</sup>

Lord Nairn, a Major-Generall.

<sup>1</sup> This dukedom seems hitherto to have escaped observation. It had apparently been created by the Chevalier in favour of the Marquis of Tullibardine during his father's lifetime, but the date of the patent has not been ascertained. The above commission to Lord Nairne had been granted about the time of the affair of Glenshiel.

<sup>2</sup> This signature has been effaced, but is still legible.

## V.

LETTER [FROM THE MARQUIS OF TULLIBARDINE] TO THE KING.

PUTEAUX,<sup>1</sup> *March 20<sup>th</sup>, 1723.*

SIR,

I had the comfort of what your Majesty is just now gratioſly pleaſed to write in anſwer to mine of the 18<sup>th</sup> of this laſt January, which, by accident, is dated above two years agoe; and tho' for ſome time paſt, as yet your Majesty gives no direct return to ſeverall conſiderable points that my indiſpenſible duty obliged me to lay before you, nevertheleſs, this letter of Feb<sup>ry</sup> the 15<sup>th</sup>, which I am honoured with a few days agoe, neceſſarily requires I ſhould again preſume to ſay ſomething more of the plain truth, ſeeing non can ever have a deeper ſence of your Majesty's inherent compaſſion, with extreme regard and condeſcention, towards your faithfull afflicted ſubjects, who are diſintereſtedly miſerable by fairly aſſerting your Majesty's and their Countrey's juſt rights. Neather is it poſſible for any who is moved with true principalls of loyalty, but to have the gratefullent ſentiments of the extraordinary care your Majesty always ſhowed to ſupply their reaſonable neceſſitys, which ſtill made me endeavour all that was poſſible to want no other ſubſiſtance then what might bairly ſupport one in really executing what appeared abſolutely requiſite for diſcharging your ſervice, even from one in my low ſphear; as the matteriall effects are ſtill ſo obviouſe, that the grateſt oppulency of any who have been ſince tampering, has not yet produced ſuch conſiderable things; and the indifferent condition I am in after all, will prove how little concern I ever had about any profite, except advancing the undoubted reputation of your ſubſtantiall affairs in earneſt; and am content to ſee, by the preſent meaſures, that they have now ſmall occaſion for ſo mean ane inſtrument, which, as matters ripen, muſt ſtill deminiſh accordingly; yet had I been a little more polietly in the ſelfiſh mode, perhaps one might been valued

<sup>1</sup> A ſmall town about three miles weſt of Paris.



by finding how to merite amongst those who eliverly employ their utmost skill, at any rate, to carry all sort of darke projects without controll; but since it seemes people are of no other consequence with them then as blind tooles, it may be evident by what ever becomes of me, that as I never had the least advantage under any administration, and brought my selfe to the present condition, only through hopes of contributing, in some mannour plainly, towards advancing your Majesty's and the publick service; so at last finding I can be of no particular use for inteligibly pursuing any solid chife aime, what ever has been innocently laid out, by faithfully regarding the common cause, and is unaccountably made to serve the bay ends<sup>1</sup> of some fellow-subjects, that likewise accuse what themselves occasioned, shall to the utmost be made up and fairly clear'd, as occasion offers; whereby, according to capacity, ones liberall inclinations need not appear unfrugally misplaced, when only turned to answer the unavoidable functions of life, as either by a privat condition or publick, must in the event be obviously known to all who distinctly has an impartiall notion of the various necessities, and perpetuall irregular accidents attending humain affairs. These 7 or 8 long years has sufficiently shoven how unfit I am for meddling with the deepe concerns of State, which even, after the utmost demonstration of attatchment to the publick wellfaire, makes the well-affected in Britain, or elsewhere, cautious of such sufferers, that of cource ought as more reasonably to understand who they also daile with; and since Providence has given me the grace to see through and distinguish artfull practises or oblique insinuations, that may be really detrimental to your sacred character and interest, so I must own, that the perplexed obscure practises of those who, through privat vews, makes strange partys, in menestfully drawing very differently from the common good, unavoidably creates such pernicious confusion as ever brought things to the lowest pass, especially in these last generations, which are notorious obstackles, imposing meddlers, have sadly put to the publick happiness, making every honest endeavour prove in vain, by unheard contrivances, to irrecoverably suppress the best inclined countrymen, that they may universally

<sup>1</sup> By-ends.

insulte, even to the enslaving our clear natural judgements, instead of pretended reasonable liberty and property; so all honesty must go to ruine, reather then every thing should not be throughly modeled to their elabourat inquisition of confounding skeames, that at last loads such as have fairly ventured to assist them with their own miscarriages, so as the worst people may unextricably mistake their truest old friends. Here has stood the main strength of your open enemys, and hitherto does secure them against all your Majesty's valuable attempts, that are seconded by the earnest desires of many well-meaning subjects, at home and abroad, which some of us has proved by such undisguised actions, as occasions we are now brought to be universally criticised, having left no resource to sustain us from falling under the worst of injuries, when depending for the meanest things on their caprice, who arrives at greatness through subtilly defaming every body they have got in their clutches, respecting no sort of merit or condition, even of the highest nature, when ever so easily found sacrifices are imagined useful for any immediate turne. This is a case I have constantly lamented beyond expression, that cruel fatality should still drive your faithfullest subjects, who are of any honourable consequence, from rendering necessary service to our Sovereign; for they can be no friends to the Royall Familie, and their Countries just cause, that is any way instrumentall in such cunning projects, as misrepresenting, or other ways underhand disguising the plain truth, in so good and right a claim, as your Majesty's, which certainly requires you should, by all just means, be truly helped in seeing plainly what may prove most for your lasting satisfaction and glory, through fair endeavours towards restoring the Crown and your unhappy nations to their lawfull priviledges in Church and State. Long before appearing openly in what was believed for your Majesty's service, which, by sad experience, has too irrecoverably ruined severalls of your best subjects, and many of my, every way, poor unfortunat friends, that were intierly devoted, for supporting the true intrest of our anshent Royall Familie with me, who, as I say, a great while before your Majesty's least sister dyed, ere there was thoughts amongst aspiring statesmen of going to armes, had avoided all occasions of establishing myself, so as no

engagement might in the least retarde acting when necessary some significant part; but since irresistably every good endeavour has come to nought, I hope it will not be found at last, after so many years unspeakable disasters, and unprofitably waisting the vigorous floure of age, that there wants giving honourable proofes of reall courage, or that now any can be presipetantly desperat, by regularly meaning to preserve themselves in some measure, for being gainst a right occasion usefull as formerly at home, seeing it's too evident we are of no just consequence abroad. In garding from a storm, it's not so materiall to looke where the calamity falls, as observing whence it comes; and in saving people from wrongs, it's not allways so significant to mind the stone that's thrown as the hand that sent it, which, till this time, has too remarkably made the greatest attempts for delivery from injuries, and settling all on the old foundation, prove in vaine; yet if a right use can be made of such repeated shokes, every thing through sympathising, unconstrained resignation, to all mighty dispensations, may still take a good turn, so as the undoubted constant endeavours your Majesty magnanimously pershues, will at length produce the blissings are reserved for those whose unshaken loyalty hitherto moves in no other sphear then being terribly incapacitated for any reall buisness, by the unsupportable persecution of them that have exorbitantly assumed the property of what, in some measure, flows from many others sincere dealings; which I question not your Majesty may fully observe, when all your well-inclined subjects can have right access to state every thing humbely, as they really ought, before the impartiall penetration of your consumat wisdom, that our Master's unprejudised inclinations may be in a true condition to secure himself and affectionat people from being hereafter monopolised through any precedented factious calamitys, which utterly suppress all plain virtue, by skillfully nurishing most destrutive vices, that unbridles every kind of immorality, and dangerously instilles the most leveling sentiments amongst unwary easy multitudes, to the anarchicall dissolution of all true lawfull government. So there's occasion for no weightier obstacles which I know, or believe that such as pourefully declare against establishing the anshent constitution, wish, nor otherways imagine, they need be

at much paines about pitifull manuevers, with a mean sett of unregairded fugitives, who are too sensibly become despicable every where. Thus I have once more endeoured, as unavoidably neffesar, at all hazards to discharge my incumbent duty, which, in the worst events, no sort of earthly torture ought to dispencc amongst true-hearted men of just resolution, especially when things are brought to the present condition, tho' one should irreparably fall under the greatest misfortune in not being able to procure any answerable countenance, whilest giving the utmost prooffe of the strongest fidelity, by even venturing to lose your Majesty's indulgent favour, which I constantly valued more then life, but that one must esteem more the unquestionable advantage of your lasting intrest and service, as cannot faile one time or other to appear conspicuously, since one patiently encounters all sort of imaginable tryalls, in the hardest maner, both before God and man for the naturall veneration [that] was unalterably infused with my birth towards your Majesty's most sacred person and Royall Familie. But what ever happens me from ane unmercifull world, a good conscience may sufficiently comfort and prote& one, through inward satisfaccion, that no subllunary practises is able to destroy, since given from above, as the earnest of fully making up all immediat losses, so must intierly recompence every disaister to him, whos reasonable ambition has still been dedicated towards the end of our creation, for the honour of my native Prince and ruined Countrey, which cannot be demonstrat further, then by being thus exposed through the greatest markes of unfaned sterving submissiion, in him that will in earnest rejoyce while worthy of disgrace, for substantially showing how unviolably I have ever been,

SIR, &c.

I am right thankfull for both your Majestys being pleas'd to thinke of me, who am very glad the Queen and Prince are well; and again begs leave to offer my humble duty to Her Majesty.

My Lord Panmure and Airly, with others who have seen your Majesty's letter, find this according to their sentiments.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Printed from the original scroll in the Marquis's hand-writing.

## VI.

A LETTER FROM A GENTLEMAN OF UNDOUBTED CREDIT  
IN ANGUS SHIRE.

SIR,

As your friends here heartily sympathized with the City of Ed<sup>r</sup> & the Country around, during the unhappy Time the Highlanders were with yow; the many Roberies, oppressions, & numberless Hardships to q<sup>ch</sup> yow were then subjected, filled us w<sup>t</sup> equal Concern for your distress'd Situation, & Indignation at your oppressors, we expect the like Sympathy when now reduced to the same Melancholly Circumstances, by this 2<sup>d</sup> gathering from the North.

Perth & Dundee, & the Country around, are one Scene of Horreur & oppression; Roberies are perpetual, & many of them in open day, in the publick streets, in the sight of all men, & even of their own officers. Multitudes in the Town are obliged to leave their business & their Families, by which the Distress, tho' not so visible, is yet exceeding great. They have fallen now to House breaking too, q<sup>ch</sup> puts us into the most dreadfull apprehensions of the worst. In Strathmore they have attacked many of the Clergy & robbed them, with great Insults, of Considerable Sums. The whole parishes in Angus are distressed by pressing, (or forcing men) or, which they love better, a Composition in money, that falls heavy upon the poor Tennants. They have invented a new & unheard of Demand on the Gentlemen, cessing them some two hundred, some 100, some 50 £ Ster. & he is a great favourite q<sup>o</sup> escapes. It is intended to raise a 100 £ each from 15 merch<sup>ts</sup> in Dundee, who 'tis believed must forsake their famelys whilst Rebels are there in Power, if they would shun this Tax, q<sup>ch</sup> we doubt greatly will not do, for this new army are very hungry & rapacious.

In a late rejoicing at Dundee, for a French landing at Montrose, it was by authority proclaimed, that every house should testify their Joy by il-

luminating their windows, or be subject to a fine of 20 £ Scots;—a notable way (purposely intended) to point out to the Highland Executioners the families who would not rejoice on this happy Event.

The Presbyterian Min<sup>rs</sup> it seems, could not on that occasion temporise w<sup>th</sup> them. The Effect was like to be unhappy. Their windows are broke, innumerable stones thrown violently into one of their Houses, & at last they fired sharp shot. The family had retired into the most distant parts of the House, & violent attempts were made to break in. No man could have answered for the Consequences, if some Neighbours had not come by a back door & begged the family to escape w<sup>th</sup> them. The aged Min<sup>r</sup> remarkable for calmness, conscious of being in the way of his Duty, & having been long used, under the happy Revolution Government, to think his house was his Sanctuary, would not move; at last, it is f<sup>d</sup>, he wrote to one of their principal People, his acquaintance, q<sup>o</sup> was graciously pleased, after much entreaty, to call them off.

In short, our Case grows worse & worse, & almost intolerable. The Instances of cruel oppression are so multiply'd, that People grow weary of complaining, or of even repeating the prolog, the least of q<sup>ch</sup>, under K. George's Govern<sup>t</sup>, & by his Soldiers, would fill City and Country w<sup>th</sup> noise for many days. And if an end is not soon put to these distresses, the Calamity thro' loss of Trade, of money, and credit thro' Insults, scattering of Families, Robbery, Bloodshed, & no body knows what demands, will ruin us altogether.

Yow may make these things as publick as yow please. The facts are true, & the publishing of them may tend to stir up all sorts of men to exert y<sup>m</sup>selves to the utmost in stopping y<sup>s</sup> unjust & unhappy Rebellion, raised and Supported by the Enemies of mankind, who, by these beginnings ar shewing how proper Instruments they would be to fulfill the unhallowed will of an arbitrary, persecuting, & bloody Govern<sup>t</sup>.

I am SIR, your  
most humble Servant.

## VII.

LORD LOVAT TO CHARLES ERSKINE, ESQ. OF TINWALD, LORD ADVOCATE,  
AFTERWARDS LORD TINWALD.<sup>1</sup>

MY DEAR LORD,

I think it is a<sup>y</sup> age since I had the honour to see you, or hear any wayes from you ; but I am glad to know, by others, that you are in good health, and that you kept your health while you was at London. And I beg leave to assure your Lop. and all your lovely family, of my most affectionate humble duty, and very sincere attachment, to your person and concerns.

As I am now out of the world and forgot, I neither enquire after nor meddle with any politicks. I have been in a very sickly and dangerous state of health since the begining of winter till within this month. I was severall times near my exit, but I blefs God I am pretty well recovered now, and in condition to serve the government, and speak boldly to the Spaniards and French in their own language, if they dare invade us ; and my patrons will find, that I alwayes will have a sincere attachment to their persons and interest, notwithstanding of the ill usage that I have met with of a long time.

I now, My Dear Lord, beg a favour of you that will cost you but a few lines writing, and the granting of it will hurt no man, and infinitely oblige me. It is this,—the parish of Fern, in Easter Ross, is vacant by the death of one Mr. Hugh Duff, and I have a relation, one Mr. Donald Frazer, who now attends my eldest son at Edin<sup>r</sup> that assisted Mr. Duff for two or three years, and preached for him the said parish. He is a very honest man, and a very capable man. The parish is very fond to have him their minister, and the best gentleman in that country have a great regard for him. The King is patron of the parish ; so I most humbly intreat that your

<sup>1</sup> The directions of this and the two following Letters from Lord Lovat, have not been found, but it appears, from internal evidence, that they were addressed as here printed.

Lop. will be so good as to write for a presentation to my cousin, Mr. Donald Frazer, to be minister of the parish of Fern; for I know your Lop. can as easily do it as give me a bottle of the extraordinary good wine that I us'd to get from you.

I truly long to have the honour to kiss your hands, and I am, with the utmost attachment and respect,

MY DEAR LORD,

Your Lop.<sup>s</sup> most affectionate  
cousin, most obedient, and  
obliged humble Servant,

LOVAT.

BEAUFORT, 24<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> 1739.

## VIII.

### LORD LOVAT TO LORD TINWALD.

MY GOOD LORD,

I hope this will find your Lop. in perfect health, it is my sincere wish, and I beg leave to assure your Lordship of my most affectionate humble duty.

I have not presumed to trouble your Lop. with my letters since you went to London, because I knew that you would be every day very much taken up with the affairs of the publick, so that I thought it ill manners to take up your time with a letter that cou'd have nothing of moment in it, nor nothing worth your while, except you would think it worth your while, that I should, from time to time, assure your Lop. of my affectionate friendship, and my unalterable attachment to your person and interest, which I humbly and most sincerely do by this letter, and that is the chief design of it; and I hope that your Lordship's being an officer of state in the King's service, and my being out of employment and in disgrace, will



not alter the constant friendship that has been betwixt us for many years, without any flaw or alteration. But, my Dear Lord, when I consider that no man in the island serv'd the Earle of Ilay and Sir Robert Walpole with more zeal, fervour, assiduity, and diligence, than I did, since ever they had the management of affairs, and that I never offended them in thought, word, or deed, and yet have been abandon'd by those two great men in an open and mortifying manner, how can I be sure of any great man's friendship after that? But as there is a great difference betwixt your Lop.'s situation and that of those great men, I believe, likewise, there may be a difference betwixt your friendships; and in all events I am resolv'd to respect and honour your Lop. with a faithful friendship, and will allways let you know it, till you forbid me to have any correspondence with you.

I told you, my dear Lord, before you went to London, that I was persuaded that my disgrace wou'd augment, because it began without any just reason or foundation. I find that I guessed right; for the shirriffship of Inverness is taken from me in the same manner that my company was taken from me, and that is without attributing any fault to me, and the country is surpris'd with the one as they were with the other, and really strongly offended and affected; all I shall say of this part of my disgrace is, that the King's service will suffer a great deal more by it than I will, for I can freely say in face of the sun, that I was fitter to be shirriff of that great and troublesome shire, to keep it in peace and good order, than any one man beyond the Grampians; nay, I may say than any man in Scotland, for, besides my own interest in the shire, all the principall Gentlemen who has estates in it, are my near relations, and upon my account were more diligent than ordinary to keep their country and people in peace, so that except private theft, which can never be curb'd and extinguish'd without a particular act of Parliament for that purpose, during the many years that I was shirriff, there were neither riots nor publick quarrells, and there were few shires in the North that could say the same; I can likewise say that I was more than one hundred pounds a-year out of pocket by the shirriffship, and all those that know my family know that it was no feather in my cape, for my ancestors were shieriff of Inverness and

Murray, *simul* & *semul*,<sup>1</sup> above three hundred years agoe, which appears by the charters of severall gentlemen in both these shires, so that I should now borrow the motto of Barron Kenedy and his family, Fuimus. And what advantage the administration has by taking it from me, is more than I can comprehend.

I remember I beg'd your Lop., when you was going to London, if you found a proper occasion to tell the Earle of Ilay, who was for many years my Patron and warm friend, that whatever wrong impressions his Lop. got of me, they were only the produ& of lyes and calumnys; for I defy the Devil, and all the men on earth, to prove that ever I spoke a disrespectful word of his Lordship, but, on the contrary, as I really was his faithful and zealous partisan, and not an useles one, I profess'd it openly wherever I was, even in presence of his greatest enemies; and what I have done to fall into his displeasure, I declare faithfully I do not know it, nor can it have any other foundation than an unhappy prejudice founded upon calumnys and lyes.

And, notwithstanding that the hardships that I have met with are beyond example in any army or country in Europe, yet I do sincerely declare, that I have still a respectful friendship and attachment for the Earle of Ilay, not only as my worthy protector's son, but likewise for the warm-appearances his Lop. was pleas'd to make for me; and it has been allways my principle, that no after disappointment will make me forget the good that I have received; I think that should be a stated point of gratitude with all honest men; and as to Sir Robert Walpole, as I received particular marks of favour from him, I shall allways remember them gratefully; and as I was his faithful partisan, and never gave him occasion to be angry at me, I truly attribute the great hardships that he put upon me, or allowed to be put upon me, meerly to the effect of calumnys and lyes; but it was hard to receive and entertain bad and false impressions of me to my hurt, without letting me know, by himself or any other, what grounds were for it. You will say, that the first min<sup>r</sup> is not oblig'd, nor cannot let men know the reason why he turns them out of the King's

<sup>1</sup> i. e. *Semel*, but sic in orig.

Service; but I say, and all the world must own it, that a first minister ought to let any man, whom he knew to be a faithful friend and partisan of his own, know the reasons that were for disgracing him, and should tell it before his disgrace that he might have time and occasion to vindicate himself; and when that is not done, and that a man is hurt by a hidden lye or calumny, when he thought himself secure by the protection of his great friends; a disgrace or a suffering, in that case, is a vast hardship and an uncommon misfortune, that no man can be proof against. However, I bless God, that whatever I suffer, or may suffer, no power can take away the comfort that I have of a clean conscience and upright heart, that never betray'd a private man, nor a publick cause; and I believe those two great men have had severall Partisans, whom they heap'd with riches and honours, that even abandoned themselves and sometimes betray'd them. I could name severalls of them that they cannot have forgot; and while I was their Partisan for many years, I defy them to have the least ground of suspicion of my fidelity and zeal for their persons and interest, and now the world sees my reward, but no disappointment, of whatever kind, can alter my upright way of thinking. There is one thing that I cannot comprehend, how the Earle of Ilay, the son of the great Duke of Argyle, and who himself knows very well the interest of his family, can prefer the Laird of Grant, or indeed any Laird or Lord in the north of Scotland, to the Lord Lovat and his family, since he cannot but know, that the Lords of Lovat and their kindred lost many times their blood and their lives in the quarrell of the family of Argyle against the McDonalds, Gordons, &c.; and I bless God they are as capable to serve the Family of Argyle, as any that is beyond the Grampions, in any shape except in Gallconading, for indeed I could not promise as the young Laird of Grant says he could, to bring five members of my family to the Parliament, to serve an administration. I could, without vanity, always assure them of one member for the shire of Inverness, because my interest in that county will always cast the ballance as to member of Parliamt. I did really dissuade the Laird of McLeod, these three years past, to set up for member of Parliamt, and never consented to it, till he press'd me so strongly in October last, otherwise Sir James Grant would not have a

vote in that shire but himself, his son, and other two Grants; and as it is, McLeod will have twelve to fix, notwithstanding of the commissions, &c.<sup>a</sup>; and the Laird of Grant, after his vast promises, will have difficulty enough to bring one member to the next Parliament; so that great men, who believe those that have a vast deal of Irish assurance, are often imposed upon, and mistaken in their opinion of mankind, and of their interest in the country.

I beg your Lo<sup>p</sup> a thousand pardons for this long Letter, but I cannot end it without telling your Lordship, that all your friends and acquaintances were much pleas'd, and did very much applaud and approve of your kind and friendly behaviour towards your cousin who liv'd for some-time too coolly with you,—I am assured that he is very sensible of the extraordinary friendship that you have done him, and that he never will forget it; and I can sincerely assure your Lo<sup>p</sup>, that I never will forget the real esteem, and the faithfull zeal and respect with which I am, while I live,

MY DEAR LORD,

Your Lordship's most obedient,  
most obliged, & most faithfull  
humble servant,

EDIN<sup>h</sup>, March, 1741.

LOVAT.

P.S.—I am glad that our friend, Sir Robert Munro, is out of the ugly scrape, in which his enemies malice and hatred appear'd most violently ag<sup>st</sup> him; I was so lucky as not to be call'd to the agreement or arbitration, tho' my Lord Roystoun desired that I should be one of the peacemakers; so I shall say nothing of it since Sir Robert's relations seem to be very angry at it, but it is very naturall to think, that the Gentlemen, to whom Sir Robert gave Carte Blanche, did what they thought best for his interest; but it must be own'd by all men, who know the affair, that Sir Robert has sufficiently paid for any concern he had in that riot. I was told this day, that there is a misunderstanding betwixt Sir Robert and his arbiters upon what has happen'd; but as I was entirely ignorant of what pass'd betwixt them, it is none of my business now to meddle

with it, only that I am sorry to see that our country is full of jars, disputes, and quarrels, from Dan to Basheba; and where all that will end, God only knows; for my own part, as I am now old and valetudinary, and entirely free of ambition, my greatest desire, and most ardent wish would be, to live at home in peace, and come once a-year to see my friends in this place; but where is there a man on earth that has his wish?

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IX.

LORD LOVAT TO LORD TINWALD, THEN LORD JUSTICE-CLERK.

MY VERY DEAR LORD,

The only design of this letter is to give your Lordship my most humble and sincere thanks for your goodness towards me, for William Fraser, Writer to the Signet, has informed me that your Lordship has been so very kind as to write to the glorious young fellow your son, who is an honour to his country, in as pressing terms in my favour as you could do for a brother, this is an instance of generosity very uncommon and rare to be found in this age.

It is true that your Lordship and I lived for many years in as intimate friendship as if we were brothers, and communicated freely our sentiments to one another, yet I thank God there is never a word that passed between us that ever was heard of without your Lordship's apartment. You have now, my dear Lord, given proof that you are what I allways believed [you] to be, that is, a man of the best sense and judgment of your country, a man full of goodness and affection for your relations, and a man of real friendship for those that you profess friendship to; I have the honour to have a claim to your Lordship's goodness and affection as a relation, and you know, my dear Lord, that I have some claim to your friendship,—but what would all that signify if your Lordship's generous soul did not oblige you to put it in execution. I have, my Lord, done great and essential services to those of the first rank in Scotland who now abandon me as if

I had come from Turkey with the plague upon me, but, as the Scripture says that ingratitude is next to the sin of murder, let them answer for it. I bless God I am fitter to appear before the Judge of all the earth than they are; and, tho' my family seems to be now in a very low and desperate condition, yet I hope, by God's mercy, before this age is at an end, that it will be more flourishing than theirs, and then they will see their shame as well as ingratitude. Your uprightness, my dear Lord, has put you above this, for you neither abandon nor forsake your friend because he is unfortunate and in distress.—May the God of Heaven reward you, my dear Lord; may you live many years in perfect health, and may your posterity flourish with honour and wealth more than any that wore the gown in Scotland.

I most humbly beg of your Lordship to recommend me once more to your lovely son, whom I expect to be the hero of my cause, and who, perhaps, may save my grey head from the block; but, whatever come of me, I am sure he will gain great honour to himself, since he has a large field to walk upon.—I have the honour to be, with the utmost gratitude, attachment, and respect,

MY VERY DEAR LORD,

Your Lordship's most obedient and most  
obliged humble Servant,

TOWER OF LONDON, 20<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>, 1748.

LOVAT.

## X.

LORD JUSTICE-CLERK'S REPORT TO THE EARL OF HOLDERNESS,  
HIS MAJESTY'S SECRETARY OF STATE.—*Novem<sup>r</sup>, 1752.*

REPORT.—To the Right Honourable the EARL OF HOLDERNESS, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, by CHARLES ARESKINE of Tinwald, Lord Justice-Clerk.

In pursuance of your Lordship's desire, signify'd to me by your letter

dated at Whitehall the 30 June, 1752, having, with the zeal and diligence which you recommended, examin'd into the truth of the facts therein specify'd, I take the liberty to lay before your Lordship the result of my enquiry, which I shall state in as few words as is consistent w<sup>t</sup> taking notice of y<sup>e</sup> variety of matters y<sup>e</sup>rin contained, referring to several vouchers, letter'd or number'd, hereunto annex'd.

The first objection stated in your Lordship's letter is general, namely, <sup>1<sup>st</sup> class of complaints.</sup> "That non-jurors, and other disaffected persons, meet with countenance and support, while many loyal and good subjects have been remov'd from their employments, or neglected, since the Rebellion."

I sincerely assure your Lordship that, in the course of my enquiry, I have not been able to discover any solide foundation upon which this complaint can stand.

The Removes and Preferments in the Excise and Customs have been examined into by the several Commissioners appointed by his Majesty for the managment of these revenues, in consequence of the orders they received from their superiors; and I take it for granted a report has been made by them, and for that reason I did not enter upon any enquiry concerning them. That there have been removes in the more considerable offices since the Rebellion is true, but the springs and causes of such removal were not a proper subject for my enquiry. To be sure they were well weigh'd and canvass'd before his Majesty was mov'd to make them; and I may venture to say, that their successors, as far as I have been able to observe or learn, have serv'd his Majesty with honour, and fill their offices with reputation.

It has been said, that persons zealously affected for the good of his Majesty's service have been discourag'd to give intelligence, their names having been made known by persons employ'd under the Government; but having us'd all probable means to inform myself concerning this fact, I met with no evidence to support it. The fact may be true, but, till I had the honour of your Lordship's letter, I never heard it surmis'd. I can answer for one, and that is all I can say upon this subject, since no particular fact has been suggested.

Your Lordship has likewise been inform'd, "that vexatious law-suits have been carried on against officers of the army, for having done no more than their duty required of them during the time of the Rebellion; and, in particular, against Col<sup>l</sup>. Howard, Capt. Hamilton of Mordaunt's, Cap<sup>t</sup>. Coneille of Herbert's, Lieut. M'Lachlan of Hufk's, and Capt. Molefworth of Guise's regiment."

With regard to the prosecutions brought against these gentlemen, I have laid before me by Mr. William Alston, agent for the Crown, a person of known warm affection to his Majesty's Government, of integrity and confessed ability, a short but particular account of them, from which your Lordship will see whether there was any probable cause for prosecuting the officers, and whether they met with injustice before the Courts. And, if any complaint lyes on this head, I submit it to your Lordship if it does not rest solely upon the particular plaintiffs who believ'd themselves injur'd.

3<sup>d</sup> class of  
complaints.

It is also objected, "that persons of the Episcopal persuasion in Scotland, of suspected characters, and even non-jurors, are made Sheriffs-substitute. In particular, the Sheriff-substitute of Clackmannanshire, Forbes, Substitute of Aberdeen, and Mr. Campbell of Carisgowrie, Substitute of Angus, Mr. Young, Substitute of Mearns, and Mr. Grant of Aberdeenshire, who were appointed to these offices in the year 1745."

It is farther said, "that the Sheriffs-depute discharge persons taken up and put into their custody by the troops, for wearing, contrary to law, the Highland dress, carrying arms, stealing cattle, and other crimes, under pretence that they have no means of maintaining these prisoners in gaol, and other frivolous pretences."

If this objection cou'd be supported, it was strong, and the managment of these gentlemen, appointed lately by his Majesty to the offices of Sheriffs-depute, must have been not only unaccountable, but of very pernicious consequence to his Majesty's Government and to the subjects of this part of the United Kingdom.

It was for this Reason, that, tho' the charge was general, I endeavour'd to try if it cou'd be enquer'd into in the Detail; and upon Application to



General Churchill, I received from him Abstracts of all the Returns made by the several officers for the years 1749, 50, 51, & 1752, herewith transmitted & mark'd, from which your Lordship will observe, that in the space of four years, in carrying a new Law into Execution in a wild Place of the country, the complaints of the Military are few, and the greatest part of them relate not to sheriffs-depute or their substitutes, but to inferior Magistrates or Justices of the Peace. Your Lordship will likewise observe from these Returns of the officers, that their Accounts were founded only upon the Representation of non-commissioned officers & soldiers, whose Relation of the Facts could not intirely be depended on, as may appear from some of the Returns hereafter to be particularly mentioned.

I take the Liberty further to observe, that from examining both the Sheriffs-depute & the Military, I find that the chief occasion of the disputes between them arose from a new form of dress contriv'd by some of the Highlanders, which could not be said to be the Highland Dress prohibited by Law, or any Part of it, and yet was not altogether the Low-Country Dress; and if a sheriff-substitute allow'd his Doubt to carry him so far as to admit them to Bail untill he was advis'd by his Principal, it does not seem to be unreasonable in itself, or detrimental to His Majesty's service; especially when effectual care was taken by the Principals to have even that new Form of Dress suppressed, as appears from the Extracts of the Returns sent to the General, wherein there are no complaints posterior to the few Returns from the officers upon this subject.

The most glaring of the complaints contain'd in the Returns, is that made by Captain Hughes, 1 Sept. 1749, set furth in Page 3<sup>d</sup> of the Extracts.

As to this, It appears the Captain's Representation was founded only upon the Relation of a corporal, by which he was mislead. The substitute to whom the complaint relates, was Duncan Campbell, Brother to the late unfortunate Glenure, nominated to that office as the Person most capable to serve his Majesty in that part of the country by M<sup>r</sup>. James Erskine, Sheriff-Depute of Perthshire.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Son of the Justice Clerk, and afterwards Lord Alva.

The General transmitted a copy of the Return to the Sheriff-Deput<sup>e</sup>. In consequence whereof he, in concert with Co<sup>ll</sup>. Crawford, who then commanded at Perth, made enquiry into the truth of the Facts suggested by the Corporal to Capt. Hughes, the Progress and Result whereof is fully set forth in two Letters, dated the 14 August & 3 October 1749, written by him, and directed to Capt. Coalzier, then General Churchill's Aid-de-Camp, and in a 3<sup>d</sup> Letter address'd to me, Copys whereof, marked are herewith transmitted; and in them he appeals to Co<sup>ll</sup>. Crawford for the truth of his Representation of the Facts, very different from that made by the Corporal.

Of Mr. Erskine's Zeal & Activity in the service of the Government, it would be indecent for me to suggest what I believe is the general opinion in this Part of the Kingdom. His Character is well known to the General and all the Officers who have commanded and resided at Perth.

Prisoners put  
into custody  
of sheriffs-  
deput<sup>e</sup> dismiss  
under pre-  
tence that the  
sheriffs or  
their substi-  
tutes have no  
means to  
maintain  
these pri-  
soners in  
Goal.

Here I have refer'd to the Letters themselves, not to incumber this Report with long Narrations. In these letters mention is made of a Difficulty the Sheriffs-Depute were under, in that there was no fund allow'd them for the Maintenance of Prisoners thrown into Goal on account of Wearing Arms or the Highland Habite; and a Fear is express'd, that if some Remedy was not found out for this Defect, the Service might suffer, and Sheriffs-Depute possibly be tempted to dismiss Prisoners upon Bail, if they were to be maintain'd not by the Publick, but out of their own Pockets. This probably has given occasion to that part of the complaint mentioned in your Lordship's letter, that "Prisoners were dismiss'd under frivolous Pretences, such as that the Sheriffs-Depute had no means of maintaining these Prisoners in Goal." But upon the strictest search and enquiry I do not find that ever any one prisoner was dismiss'd upon that or any such Pretence, either by that Gentleman, or by any other of the Sheriffs-Depute or Substitute, tho' he avers he has paid out about £100 upon that service, which he has never yet recover'd, for the Reasons set forth in his Letter; and if the complaint has no other Foundation, he thinks it is at least unkind, that a Representation to the General of a real Hardship the Sheriffs lay under, honestly meant not only for their relief,

but for His Majesty's Service, shou'd be turn'd upon him or his brethren as a Reproach.

As to what relates to Prisoners for other Crimes, such as Theft, as far as I can gather from the Excerpts, it is founded upon the Return made by Capt. Proby the 15<sup>th</sup> Septem<sup>r</sup>. 1751, set down in the end of the 7<sup>th</sup> Page of said Extracts; and the Reasons assign'd by the Sheriff-Depute of Inverness for his Procedure, which I submit to your Lordship's Judgment, are set furth in his Letter to the Captain, bearing Date the 7<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1751, of which your Lordship has a copy in the 8<sup>th</sup> Page of said Extracts.

I shall not trouble your Lordships with making any further Observations upon the Returns, the copy whereof is certify'd by Cap<sup>t</sup>. Stewart, Aid-de-Camp to General Churchill, & authenticated by the Gen<sup>l</sup>'s letter, bearing date, Aug. 19, 1752, marked \_\_\_\_\_, so that the whole of them are therein contain'd, but leave this subject with one Observation, that a Doubt did arise to some of the Substitutes, Whether the New invented Drefs fell under the sanction of the Law; and as the Crime was not capital, they judg'd the Person accus'd might be admitted to Baill, notwithstanding the Words in the A& of Parliament that they were to be imprison'd without Baill or Mainprise, which relate to Persons convicted, & not to such as are only to be brought to Trial.

To proceed next to the Sheriffs-Depute & Substitute particularly mentioned in your Lordship's letter, in order to deliver the Report from immaterial circumstances, I shall first mention what relates to M<sup>r</sup>. Grant of Aberdeen-shire, & M<sup>r</sup>. Young, Substitute of the Mearns. The first neither is, nor was, Sheriff-Dep<sup>t</sup> or Substitute in Aberdeen-shire since the Jurisdiction A&, in consequence whereof M<sup>r</sup>. Grant was turn'd out of that office, and M<sup>r</sup>. David Dalrymple, Advocate, was named by his Majesty.

Mr. Grant,  
substitute of  
Aberdeen-  
shire, and  
Mr. Young,  
substitute in  
the county of  
Mearns.

As to M<sup>r</sup>. Young, he was Substitute named by M<sup>r</sup>. Gordon, the Sheriff-Dep<sup>t</sup> of Mearns, & acted some little time in that character, but he is since dead, and therefore I judg'd it unnecessary to inquire what Part he or M<sup>r</sup>. Grant acted in creating Impediments to His Royal Highness the Duke's March to Culloden.

As to what is represented in Relation to M<sup>r</sup>. Graham, Substitute of

Mr. Graham,  
sheriff-sub-  
stitute of  
Clackman-  
nanshire.

Clackmannan-shire, I wrote letters not only to the Sheriff-Dep<sup>t</sup> who appointed him, but also to some of the Gentlemen of the county who are of confest Loyalty & Affection to His Majesty's Person & Government; and particularly to Mr. Abercrombie of Tillibodie, a Person whose character for veracity as well as Loyalty, is above all exception; and I find no founda<sup>t</sup> for the charge against him: but on the contrary, during the Rebellion, he corresponded with Gen<sup>l</sup> Blackney, who then commanded at Stirling, giving him all y<sup>e</sup> intelligence he could gather, and doing him all the service in his power, and had his approbation of his conduct, as appears more fully from Mr. Abercrombie's letter, marked to which I hereby refer.

Mr. Bryce,  
sheriff-sub-  
stitute of Stir-  
lingshire.

As to what refers to Mr. Bryce, sheriff-substitute of Stirlingshire, appointed by Mr. Walker the sheriff-depute, I find it is true that he granted a commission to take the oath of James Stirling of Craigharnot, as a witness, who was excepted out of the A& of General Pardon, and against whom a bill was found within the three years.

The truth is, in processes in this part of the country when a witness is summoned, if both the plaintiff and defendant agree to the examination of a witness upon a commission, the Judge seldom or never interposes, but the commission goes in course; and whether Mr. Bryce reflected upon Craigharnot's particular case, I do not know; but Mr. Walker, the sheriff-depute, in his letter marked says, with some assurance, that he is persuaded he neither is disaffected himself, nor a favourer of disaffected persons; nor have I heard of any instance to found a suspicion against him, except his granting the above mentioned commission, w<sup>ch</sup> very probably might proceed from inadvertency. But upon this head I must refer myself to his letter directed to me, marked here- with also transmitted.

Mr. Campbell  
of Carsgourie,  
sheriff-sub-  
stitute of the  
shire of For-  
far.

It is also objected that Mr. Campbell of Carsgourie was nominated by Mr. Brown, sheriff-depute of Forfarshire, notwithstanding that several well-affected persons of Angus and Mearns join'd w<sup>t</sup> the Synod of the Clergy in a representation to the said Mr. Brown, desiring him not to appoint him a substitute, because he was a nonjuror. It is likewise said,

that Mr. Campbell has been complain'd of to the Judges of the Circuit, as exercising his office with great partiality, and that he has been severely reprimanded on that account by them from the Bench.

As to the first part of this complaint, I must refer your Lordship to a letter bearing date the 1st August, 1752, sign'd by Mr. Brown, wherein a particular account is given of the applications made to him concerning the nomination of a Substitute, in which he refers to a great many letters from gentlemen and ministers of the gospel, recommending Carlsgourie to him as a proper person to be Sheriff-Substitute, a list of whom is herewith transmitted, marked . Most of the gentlemen I am well acquainted with, and the letters I have seen, and they are in the terms represented by Mr. Brown; and, I verily believe, that the other facts set forth by Mr. Brown are true, as he is a gentleman of honour and integrity, and intirely well affected to his Majesty's person and government.

I have also seen the letters from eleven Presbyterian ministers, mentioned in the list, all of that county, and several of them of that presbytery in which Mr. Campbell resides, recommending him as a person fit to be his Substitute. But it is improper to trouble your Lo<sup>p</sup> by repeating what is at great length set forth by Mr. Brown himself in the said letter.

As to the 2<sup>d</sup> part of the complaint, I apply'd to the Lords Elchies and Kilkerran, who were the Judges upon the Circuit at the time when the Substitute is said to have been severely reprimanded on account of partiality in his office, and I found that the complaint offered against Mr. Campbell was no other than that Mr. Doeg, provost of Montrose, was summoned as a jurymen, as several other magistrates of incorporat<sup>ns</sup> in the Shire of Fife were also summoned by the Sheriff of that county, when the Circuit Court was to be held at Perth in Autumn 1751, and that he and other well-affected heritors in the county were call'd upon that duty out of course. Mr. Campbell answer'd, that in returning the list of jurors he had always observ'd a regular rotation round the inhabitants of the shire, in transmitting the names of forty-five jurors to the Court of Justiciary, from among whom a quorum of the Court named fifteen to be summoned. That he was not answerable for a regular rotation in the choice of the

fifteen, which was done by the Court of Justiciary. That, as for Mr. Doeg's being a provost, he did not know that magistrates of burghs had any exemption by law, and that when the list was made up, it did not occur to him that the Circuit Court and the elections of Burghs could interfere.

The Court upon this gave orders to the Provost and all the magistrates of royal burghs to return home in order to attend their elections, and therefore dismiss Provost Doeg and all other such officers, but without any rebuke to Mr. Campbell, and only recommended to sheriffs to observe certain rules concerning that matter, then laid down, in all time coming.

This your Lordship will see more fully represented in a narrative of this fact written with Lord Elchies's hand, which being read in my presence before Lord Kilkerran, he agreed that the narrative was full and just. This narrative is marked

Mr. Forbes,  
substitute of  
Aberdeenshire.

With regard to Mr. Forbes, substitute of Aberdeenshire, I received a letter from Mr. David Dalrymple, the sheriff-depute there, wherein the facts charged upon him are aver'd to be false and groundless; and a very particular narrative is given of his education and principles, and his behaviour in the discharge of the duties of his office. It is marked

This letter I have shown to several of the Judges of the Justiciary, who, in their circuits, have occasion to receive complaints of sheriffs-depute and their substitutes, and also to other well-affected gentlemen; and I have no reason to suspect the facts are unfairly set forth by Mr. Dalrymple.

Mr. Francis  
Garden, sheriff-depute of  
Mearns, and  
Mr. John  
Grant, sheriff-depute of Elgin and Nairn.

It has been surmised, that several of the sheriffs-depute are advocates depute, and are thereby oblig'd to attend the circuits, which is hurtful to His Majesty's service; since they cannot be supposed to attend sufficiently to the discharge of the duties of sheriff-depute and advocate depute, especially as they are engaged in other business before the superior Court.

The fact is true that Mr. Francis Garden is sheriff-depute of Mearns, and Mr. John Grant of the countys of Elgin and Nairn, and, at the same time, are both deputed by His Majesty's Advocate to serve upon the circuits.

As this was a matter that chiefly related to Lord Advocate, his Lord-

Mr Martine Lindsay is said to have collected the cess in Perth, for the use of the Rebels during the time of the late Rebellion; and, notwithstanding, has been allow'd to purchase a place in the Court of Session of the value of £40 per annum, viz. Extractor in the King's Office. As also, it is suggested, that William Elliot, conjunct agent for the Crown, and principal clerk to Lord Advocate, attended a nonjurant meeting house before the Rebellion, and continues to show marks of disaffection. That as he is agent for the Crown, it is his business to find evidences against Rebels and other offenders, and to manage the defence for the Crown against the claims enter'd upon the forfeited estates; all which, it is said, he performs with partiality.

I have seen no evidence that he collected the cess at Perth for the Rebels, and I am apt to believe that particular suggestion is not true; for there is a process now depending against another, namely, David Carmichael, for repetition of the cess levy'd by him as collector. But upon

this head, I shall refer myself to a memorandum put into my hands by the before-named Mr. Gibson, from which your Lordship will see what the said Mr. Lindsay sets forth for himself, marked           ; and only in a word observe, that in appointing extractors in the several clerk's offices, the Judges have no concern, they having their commission only from the principal clerks; nor do the Judges so much as know who they are, or when they are put in.

After his being acquitted, he continued his business, as being a privileged extractor in the foresaid office; but the clerks would not allow him to act, as having been *suspected* of accession of some kind or other to the Rebellion, untill he had qualify'd himself by taking the oaths to the government, which he did accordingly.

The said Martine Lindsay never was appointed extractor in the King's office, that having been possessed by one Robert Low, since July 1743, untill his death; and upon his decease, Peter Low, his son, was appointed in his place, and still continues to discharge the duties of that office, with a salary only of £10 a-year, as appears from the Records of Exchequer. However, what probably has given rise to this suggestion, is, that two or three years after the Rebellion, the said Martine Lindsay purchased a trifling office, namely, the Keeping of the Register of Bonds, recorded by those two clerks only, from the person who then held it, and upon whose dimission Martine Lindsay was appointed by the afore said two clerks to succeed him.

As to William Elliot, clerk to the Lord Advocate, I must refer myself to his Lordship's letter herewith transmitted, wherein the merites of his case are amply set forth. I have good reason to believe that since the late Act of Parliament, he never attended a nonjuring meeting-house; nor do I know or have I heard of his having shown any marks of disaffection to the government, or that he perform'd his duty, as agent for the Crown, with partiality. Mr. William Alston is conjunct agent with him, very able in his profession, and of undoubted loyalty; and from my own knowledge, I can take upon me to say, that with regard to processes that depended before the Court of Session, the management of the persons in-



trusted with the defence for the Crown against the claims entered on forfeited estates, has been irreproachable, and if any defect of that kind had been there, the Judges must have seen it; and I hope your Lordship will do them the justice to believe they were not inattentive to the interest of the Crown in cases that came before the Court. For the rest that refers to this gentleman, I refer to the foresaid letter put into my hand by the Lord Advocate.

As to Mr. Gabriel Napier, it is said, that he was Register to the Barons of Exchequer before the late Rebellion, but since has been left out, and it is not known upon what account he has met with his disgrace.

4<sup>th</sup> Class of  
Complaints,  
Mr. Gabriel  
Napier.

I call'd upon Mr. Napier, and upon some of the officers of the Court of Exchequer, and I find that Mr. Napier was employ'd as clerk to the Masters of Reference, under the Commissioners of Enquiry upon the Estates forfeited in Scotland by the Rebellion in the year 1715. That on the determination of that Commission, by an act in the 13<sup>th</sup> year of His late Majesty's reign, all the papers and records relating to these Forfeitures were ordain'd to be lodg'd in the Court of Exchequer, and the Barons were to sell such of these estates as remained unfold, and to determine all matters relative thereto. Mr. William Bowles, the Deputy King's Remembrancer in Exchequer, employ'd one Mr. Henry Norton, who had been a clerk to the said Commissioners, to assist him in that branch of business; and upon Mr. Norton's death, the end of the year 1728, Mr. Bowles in 1729 employ'd Mr. Napier to assist him. That on the 21<sup>st</sup>. O<sup>c</sup>tob<sup>r</sup> 1735, Her late Majesty Queen Caroline, then Guardian of the kingdom, gave a sign manual for paying Mr. Bowles at the rate of £100 p. annum for six years, from Midsummer 1728, to Midsummer 1734; Mr. Philp, as Auditor, at £80 p. annum for said time; and Mr. Napier at £50 p. annum, for five years, from Midsummer 1729, to Dec<sup>r</sup> 1734—and there have been no more salaries warranted or paid on that head since; but Mr. Napier still continued to have the custody of these Papers and Records under Mr. Bowles; and for whatever business was done, there were considerable fees attending the same: and when Mr. Bowles went to London in 1738, Mr. Napier was still employ'd to have the

charge of these matters under Mr. Bogle, and now under Mr. Moncrieff, and has his fees on any business done relating to these forfeitures; so that Mr. Napier's complaint is not that he was turned out of any office he had, but that after the manadgment of the late Forfeited estates was committed to the Court of Exchequer, that such office was not erected by the Court with regard to the last forfeitures, as he was imploy'd in concerning the former. The reasons, as far as I was able to learn, why the Barons did not create such office were, that creditors, as well as his Majesty's servants, murmur'd not a little at offices not necessary and with large sallarys being established, as hurtful, not only to the Crown, but to the creditors of the forfeiting persons; and, therefore, the Court thought it more expedient the business shou'd be carried on by y<sup>e</sup> ordinary officers.

Mr. Napier's zeal and services, during the late Rebellion, are fully set forth in a letter he wrote to me herewith transmitted, marked .

Mr. William  
Gray of New-  
holm.

As to Mr. William Gray of Newholm, he was indeed imploy'd in taking Depositions about the Rebels—attended a great number of prisoners to Carlisle—acted on the road as Commissary—and at the sessions as Assistant Solicitor; and as far as I have been able to inform myself, discharged that duty very faithfully. What was the amount of his incomes from his business before the Rebellion, or how much it has decay'd since upon account of his services to the Government, I can report only from his own representation. Nor do I know what the value of the Commissariat of Ross was represented to be of, nor by whom; but I have ground to believe that it will not return above £12 or £14 a-year. In all this, if there is any blame, or upon whom it ought to ly, I really do not know, but this I can say, that as far as was in the power of several of the King's serv<sup>ts</sup> here they have endeavour'd to serve him.

John Trigg-

As to John Trigg, he is said to have been very usefull during the late rebellion in several particulars, and was rewarded by a place in the Fishery, but since has been turn'd out, and his arrears of sallary not paid.

Upon this head I apply'd to the Secretary of the Commission appointing the Trustees for manadging the money appropriated for the encouragement of Manufatures and Fisherys, and from him have received extracts

from the minutes and books of the 1<sup>st</sup> Commissioners, whereby it appears that Mr. Trigg was dismissed from their service because he would not comply with the orders and directions given by them. All his salaries preceding the year 1750 were paid to him, and, as to that year, the Trustees having ordered him to show cause why he had not complied with their orders, he also failed to give obedience in that particular, and on that account they ordered that so much of his salary for that year should only be allowed to him as was sufficient for defraying any charge he had been necessarily put to in that period, but no account was ever given in by him, and there that matter rested. But, for the greater certainty, I humbly refer to the forementioned excerpts from the Trustees' minutes, herewith transmitted, marked

The fore said excerpts from the minutes of the Trustees contain also Alexander Hay. what relates to Alexander Hay, from which it appears that the Trustees did all that was in their power to provide and encourage him in their way, but it was impossible to do him any good; they tried him in several shapes, but he could not be prevailed upon to give any attention to the business, and under these circumstances they believed it would have been a misbehaviour in them to have continued a salary on him out of the moneys intrusted to their management by his Majesty for purposes so beneficial to the kingdom. What is above is vouch'd by the said excerpts, which are faithfully taken from the records kept in the Trustees' office.

As to what relates to Adam Gordon, your Lordship will be informed of Adam Gordon. his case very fully, by casting your eye upon the letter above referred to from his Majesty's Advocate, who was arbiter for the said Adam Gordon, and who, in conjunction with Mr. Robert Craigie, pronounced a decreet arbitral whereby the said Adam Gordon received £100, tho' Mr. Gordon says he was frustrated in his suit. I confess it would require stronger proofs than his own assertion to gain credit that the two gentlemen above mentioned, arbiters in the cause, would give an award whereby injustice was done to him, to favour the Laird of Meldrum.

How he has been treated since by the country I cannot take upon me to say, nor am I at all acquainted with him or his character, but if it is

such as is suggested in the foresaid letter, there is some cause to suspect it may be possible that want of prudence may have given occasion to his not being treated kindly in his own country,—but as to this I intirely refer to my Lord Advocate's letter.

5<sup>th</sup> Class of  
Complaints,  
Mr. Davidson,  
Minister in the  
parish of Navarr,  
above  
Breechin.

As to the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mr. Davidson, minister of Navarr, his case, as it has been represented to your Lordship, is extremely singular, and deserves to stand in a class by itself.

It is said, that his parishioners having declared openly for the Government during the Rebellion, they guarded the passes in the lower part of the country, incommoding the intelligence of the Rebels; and that in consequence of an appointment by His Royal Highness the Duke, they continued in that duty till they were suppressed by the Justices of Peace.

That these people were afterwards summoned criminally for wilfull fire-raising, because they had made bonfires upon his Royal Highness the *Duke's birth-day*, and that the minister complain'd they were still persecuted on account of the Loyalty they had shown.

This complaint was so new to me, and carry'd with it such a contempt of all Government, that I was amaz'd I had never heard of it, therefore I was resolv'd to come to a certainty concerning it; for that reason I wrote to the minister himself, and a copy of the letter sent to him is herewith transmitted, marked

To which letter I received the answer likewise herewith sent, marked , which affords a strong instance how complaints sent from a distant place blow up and disfigure facts in order to their support. Mr. Davidson says, that a guard of his parishioners, w<sup>ch</sup> was of use during the late Rebellion, continued in arms without any interruption untill they were disarmed by the Act of Parliament. That the prosecution for the fire-raising amounted to no more than this, that a tennant in the neighbourhood on a hill, at a distance from any house, had by his servants pulled some heather, for the purposes to which that long heath is apply'd in that country; and this heather, upon the eve of the King's birth-day, was set on fire, which the tennant suspected had been done by the people of Navarr, who had gone to a neighbouring parish of Edziell, and solemnised his Majesty's birth-day; and for that

reason he brought an action in his own name, and (according to the form) in the name of the Procurator-fiscal of Court, against several of them, for damage by the loss of his heather, and had this damage occurred by them, such wantonnefs cou'd not well have been justify'd under colour of being a bonfire, no more than if they had fir'd his house or his haystack; and in this process the facts being refer'd to their oaths, they swore that the heather was not burnt by them, whereby the process ended.

The only complaint the minister makes, and indeed in a very modest manner, is, that the prosecutor was not decreed in costs; but having order'd an extract of the process to be laid before me, I find that no costs were demanded, as there was no litigation, and that they had no further trouble than to appear in Court and to give their oaths; and as to other oppressions, either he or his parisheners are laid under, he says he can mention nothing in particular; so that the complaint has not been made by the minister, who very candidly sets forth the true state of the case. But the tale dress'd up in odious colours, has been transmitted to be sure with no very good intentions, and the slanderer has acted under some kind of assurance that, at so great a distance, it could not be contradicted, and thus the truth of the facts, and the ignoble whisperer, might remain cover'd in perpetual darkness.

Hitherto I have touch'd at all the special facts mentioned in your Lordship's letter. As to what is said only in general terms, when a misbehaviour is so charg'd, and particulars are specified in support of what is advanced, if, upon examination, the facts instanced in are found not to be true, or unfairly represented, the judgment to be form'd as to the whole lump is plain; and I leave your Lordship to judge how far upon the vouchers refer'd to, what seems to be so generally aver'd, has any foundation upon which it can stand.

It is possible I may have committed some mistakes in this enquiry; I'm sure they are not willfull. And give me leave to observe, that the law with regard to the Highland Dress has taken sooner place than could well have been expected; and that since the A & abolishing the Here<sup>11</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Heritable.

Jurisdctions, (one of the Glories of His Majesty's Reign,) by the vigilance and activity of the sheriffs-depute and the military, more criminals have been brought to condign punishment in one circuit thorow the Northern parts, than formerly us'd to suffer in years, and this the country feels and acknowledges; and if the same measures are carried on with vigor for some time, and the salutary scheme laid down in the late A& for civilizing the Highlands, is push'd on and manag'd w<sup>t</sup> due zeal and attention, it is to be hoped (I think it can hardly fail) that in a short time the miserable inhabitants of these wilds that hitherto have been generally a terror to their neighbours, and animals of prey, ready upon every occasion to ruffle the tranquility of the Government, may, at last, be brought to apply themselves to industry, and become good subjects and usefull citizens.

As to my own conduct in this matter, I hope your Lordship will do me the justice to believe it was impartial. If I am acquainted with myself, I know of no inducem<sup>t</sup> forcible enough to make me warp in a matter that so nearly concerns our present happy constitution, and the interest of the best of Sovereigns, whom, by the strongest ties of various kinds, I am bound to serve w<sup>t</sup> the utmost zeal, attention, and fidelity..

















